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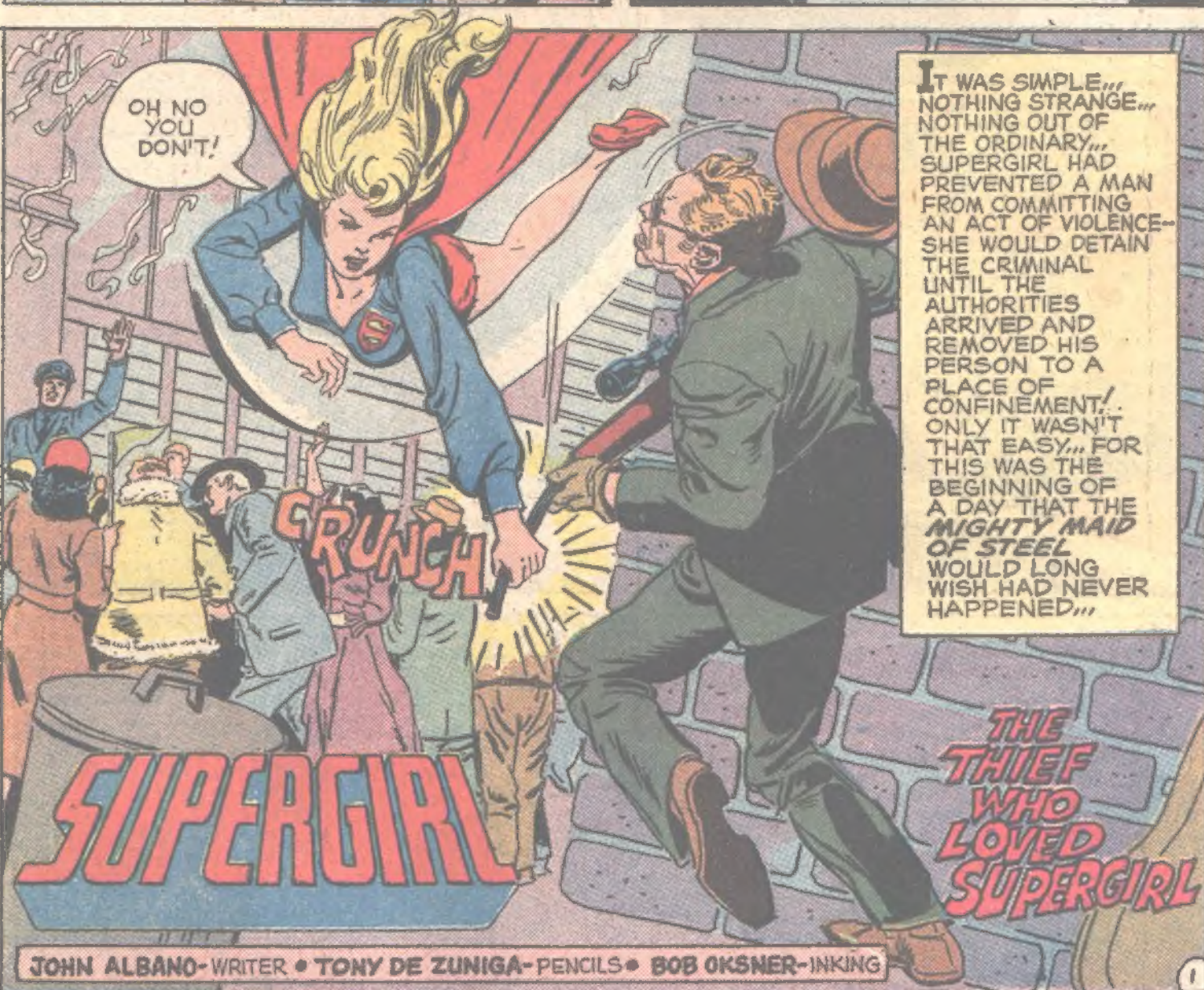
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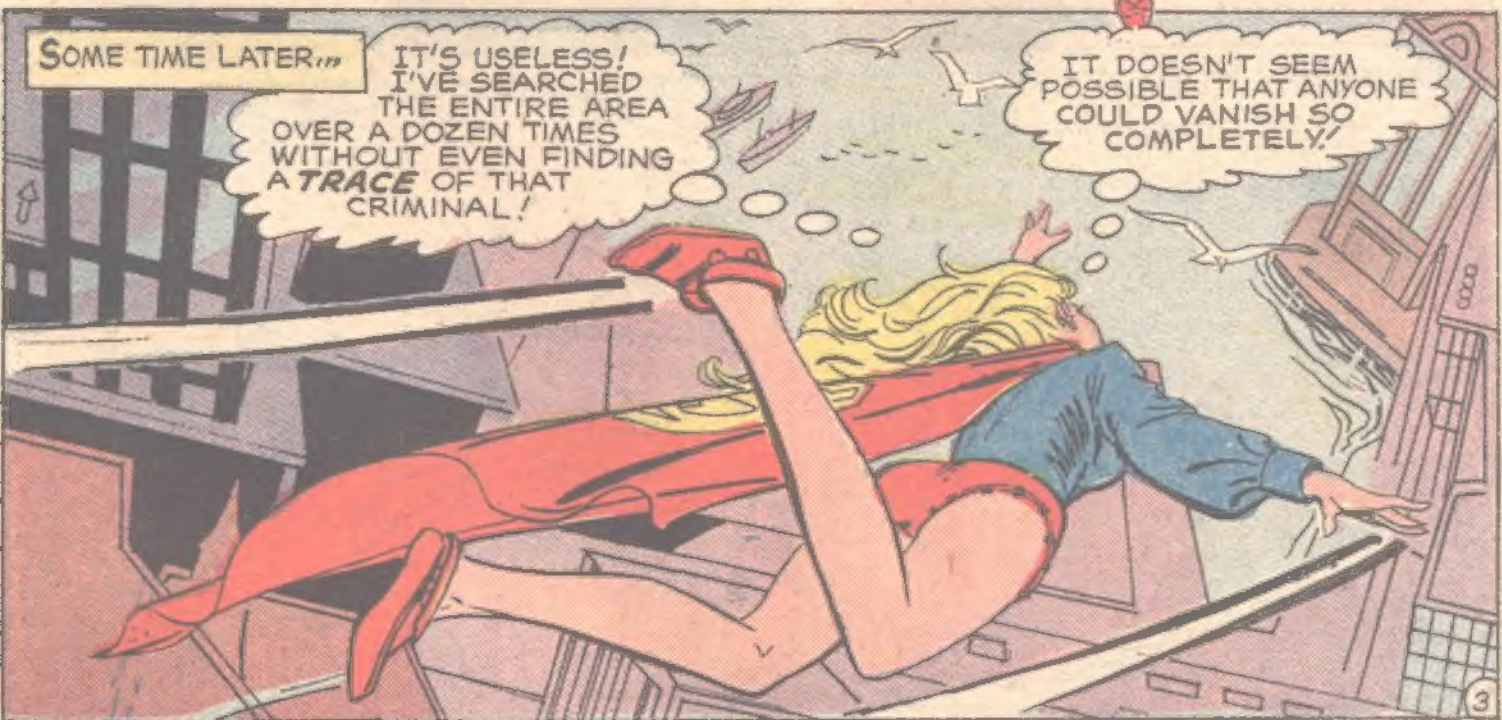


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THAT SAME EVENING, AFTER SUPERGIRL HAS RETURNED TO HER APARTMENT AND CHANGED INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA DANVERS...

THANK GOODNESS WHAT HAPPENED TO ME TODAY DOESN'T HAPPEN **OFTEN!** AN INCIDENT LIKE THAT COULD REALLY SHAKE A PERSON'S CONFIDENCE!

-- AND ALSO IN THE NEWS TODAY WAS A DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY BY A LONE GUNMAN...

...AT EXACTLY 1:15 THIS AFTERNOON HE ENTERED THE MAKIN STEEL FACTORY AND MADE OFF WITH A PAYROLL ESTIMATED AT \$85,000...

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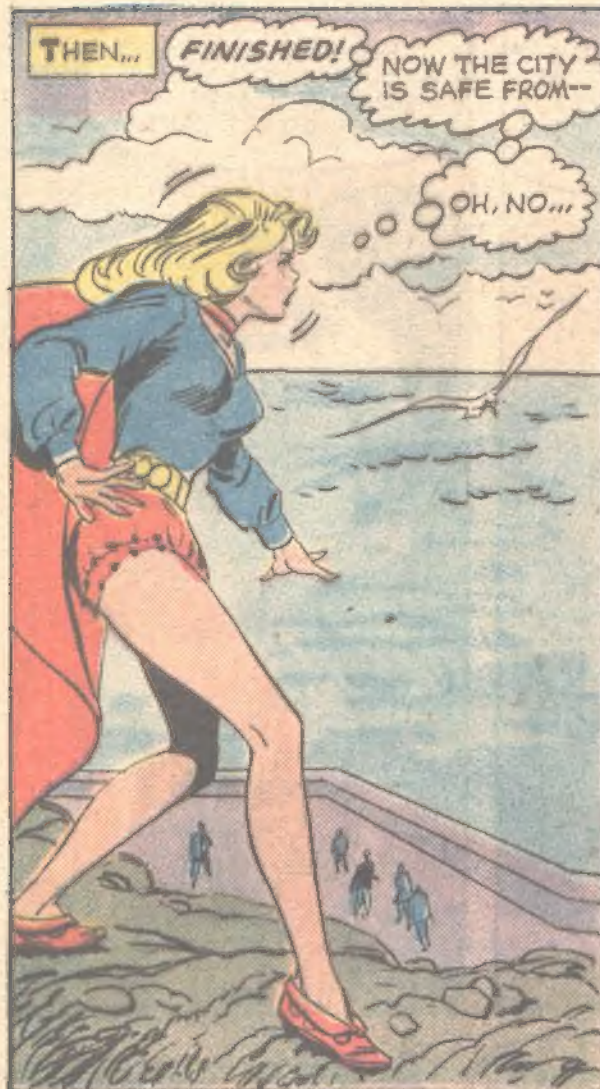
I STILL CAN'T FIGURE HOW--

???
WHAT'S THAT STRANGE NOISE I HEAR?

RACING TO HER WINDOW, SUPERGIRL LOOKS OUT UPON A TERRIFYING SIGHT...

A T-TIDAL WAVE!
SWEEPING TOWARD THE CITY!

DONNING HER SUPERGIRL COSTUME ONCE AGAIN, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FEMALE PITS HER BLAZING SPEED AND INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AGAINST THE PERIL THAT ROARS MENACINGLY IN FROM THE SEA... BY SPEEDILY IMPROVISING A HUGE SEAWALL...



THEN...

FINISHED!

NOW THE CITY IS SAFE FROM--

OH, NO...

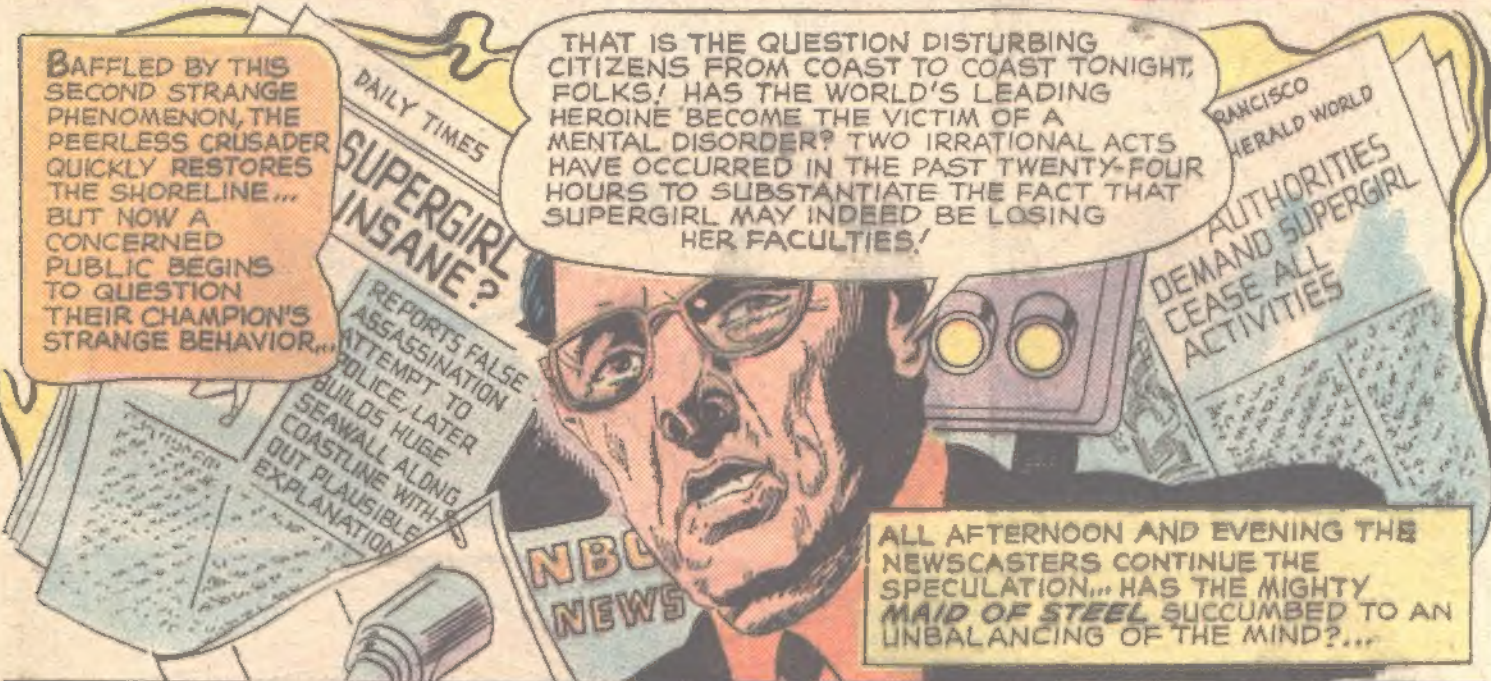


...THE TIDAL WAVE... IT'S **DISAPPEARED!** THE OCEAN IS COMPLETELY **CALM...**

THERE SHE IS! AND I SAW HER DO IT!

BUT WHY? WHAT THE DEVIL MADE SUPERGIRL BUILD THAT SEAWALL HERE BY THE OCEAN?

DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!



BAFFLED BY THIS SECOND STRANGE PHENOMENON, THE PEERLESS CRUSADER QUICKLY RESTORES THE SHORELINE... BUT NOW A CONCERNED PUBLIC BEGINS TO QUESTION THEIR CHAMPION'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR...

THAT IS THE QUESTION DISTURBING CITIZENS FROM COAST TO COAST TONIGHT, FOLKS! HAS THE WORLD'S LEADING HEROINE BECOME THE VICTIM OF A MENTAL DISORDER? TWO IRRATIONAL ACTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE FACT THAT SUPERGIRL MAY INDEED BE LOSING HER FACULTIES!

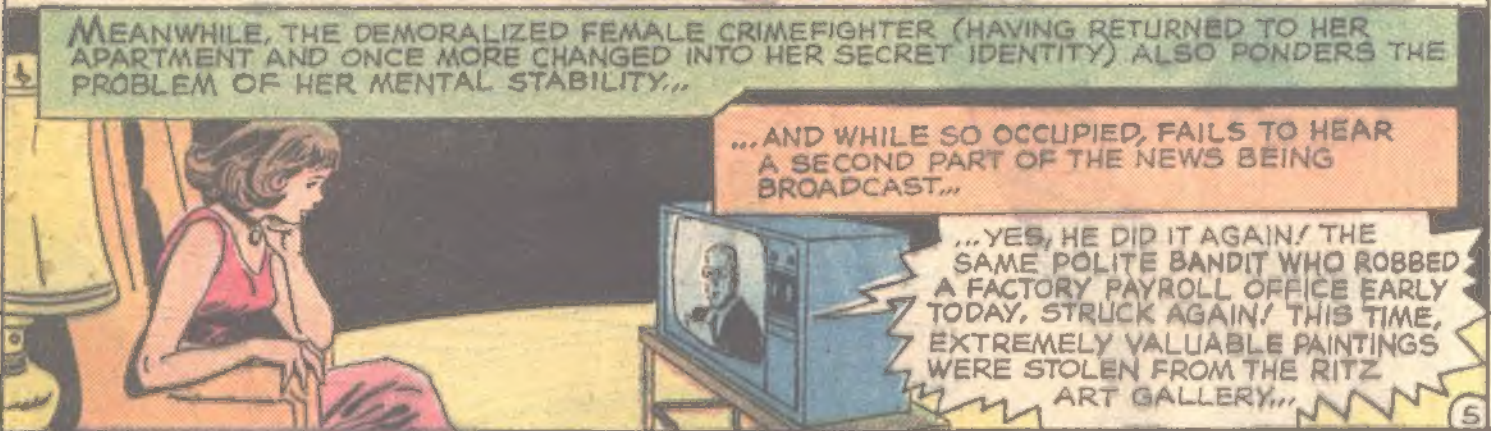
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AUTHORITIES DEMAND SUPERGIRL CEASE ALL ACTIVITIES

DAILY TIMES
SUPERGIRL INSANE?

REPORTS FALSE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT TO POLICE, LATER BUILDS HUGE SEAWALL ALONG COASTLINE WITH OUT PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION

NBC NEWS

ALL AFTERNOON AND EVENING THE NEWSCASTERS CONTINUE THE SPECULATION... HAS THE MIGHTY MAID OF STEEL SUCCEMBED TO AN UNBALANCING OF THE MIND?...



MEANWHILE, THE DEMORALIZED FEMALE CRIMEFIGHTER (HAVING RETURNED TO HER APARTMENT AND ONCE MORE CHANGED INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY) ALSO PONDERES THE PROBLEM OF HER MENTAL STABILITY...

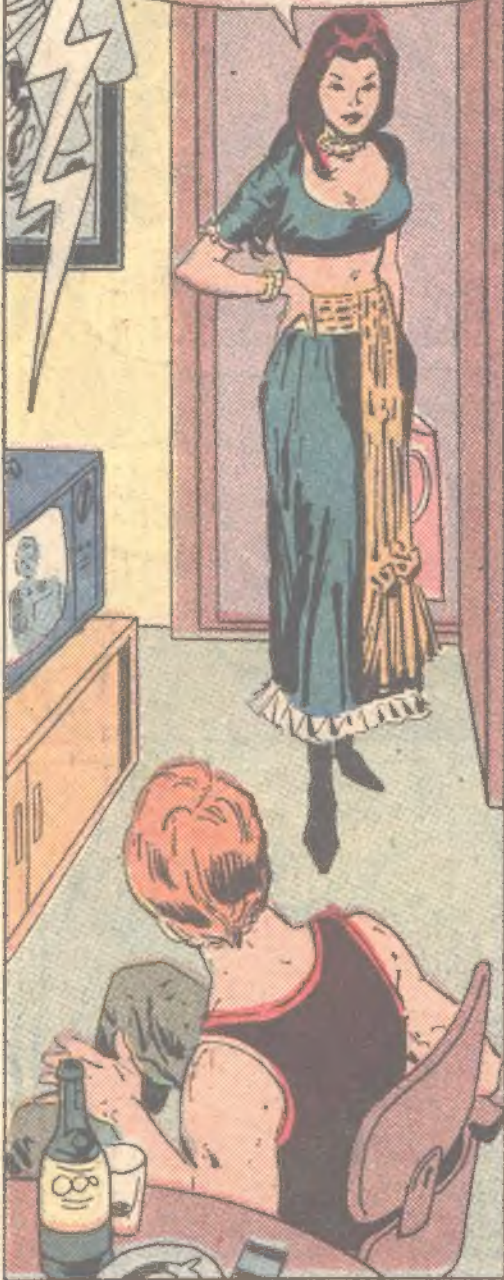
...AND WHILE SO OCCUPIED, FAILS TO HEAR A SECOND PART OF THE NEWS BEING BROADCAST...

...YES, HE DID IT AGAIN! THE SAME POLITE BANDIT WHO ROBBED A FACTORY PAYROLL OFFICE EARLY TODAY, STRUCK AGAIN! THIS TIME, EXTREMELY VALUABLE PAINTINGS WERE STOLEN FROM THE RITZ ART GALLERY...

AND IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY...

...VETERAN POLICEMEN THEORIZE THAT THE CRIMINAL WHO PERFORMED THESE TWO ROBBERIES WAS A SKILLED PROFESSIONAL...

--NAMED MIKE MERRICK!



YES! MIKE MERRICK, KING OF THIEVES...

YOU GET ME THE CARTON OF CIGARETTES I ASKED FOR, LORELEI?



I DID, AND I ALSO BROUGHT YOU THE MEDICINE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE--

POUR IT DOWN THE SINK!



PLEASE, MIKE, YOU'LL NEVER GET WELL WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE. THE DOCTOR SAID YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IF ONLY YOU'D TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

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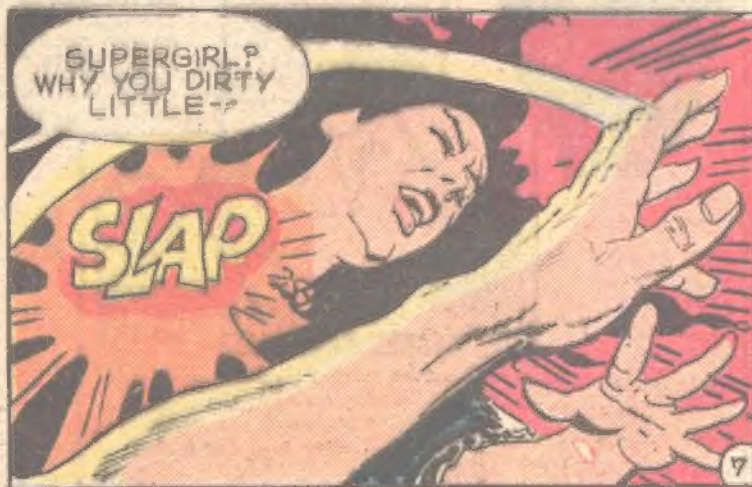
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SHE SAVED MY MISERABLE LIFE ONCE, * SO IF YOU WANT TO REMAIN MY CHICK, LAY OFF HER, BABY... Y'DIG?

* SEE ISSUE #4.0
"THE NATURE OF THE BEAST"

SUPERGIRL'S ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW, YOU FOOL! IF I HADN'T USED SORcery TO CREATE DIVERSIONS FOR HER...

YEAH-- I GUESS SHE IS POISON TO A DUDE LIKE ME... SORRY I BLEW MY WIG, LORELEI...

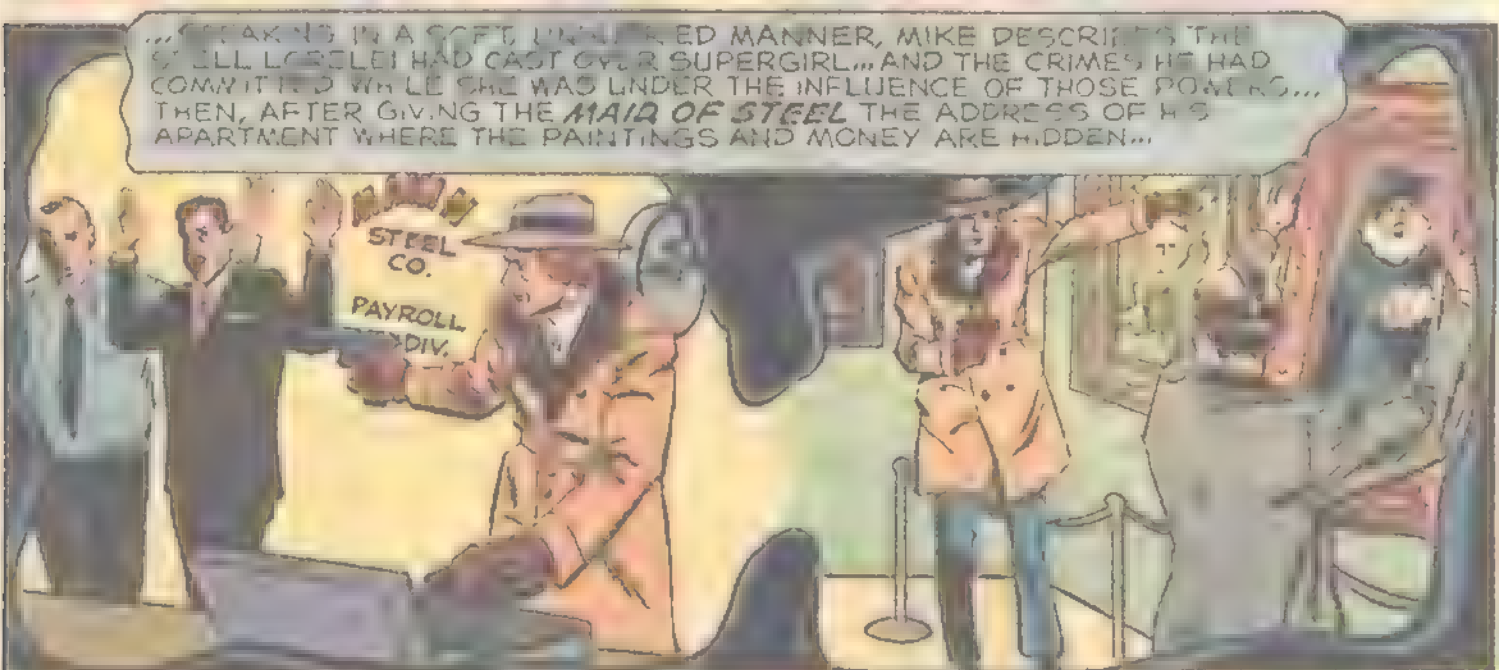
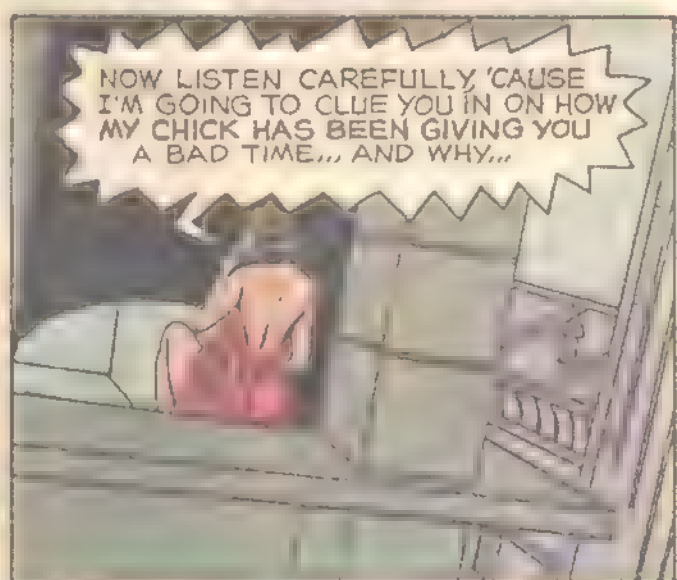
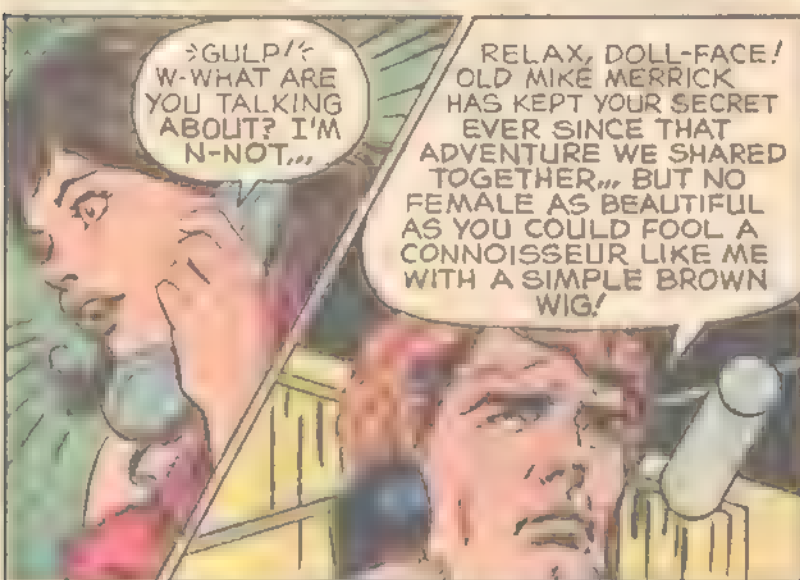
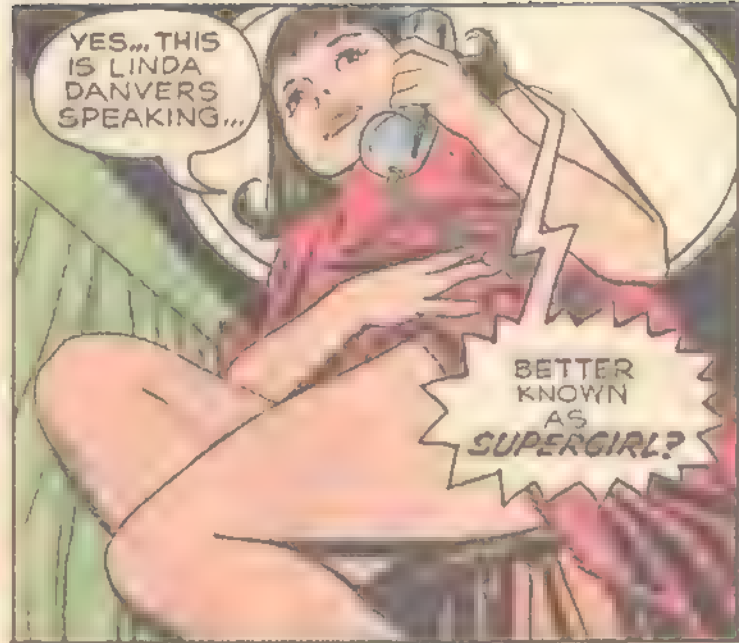
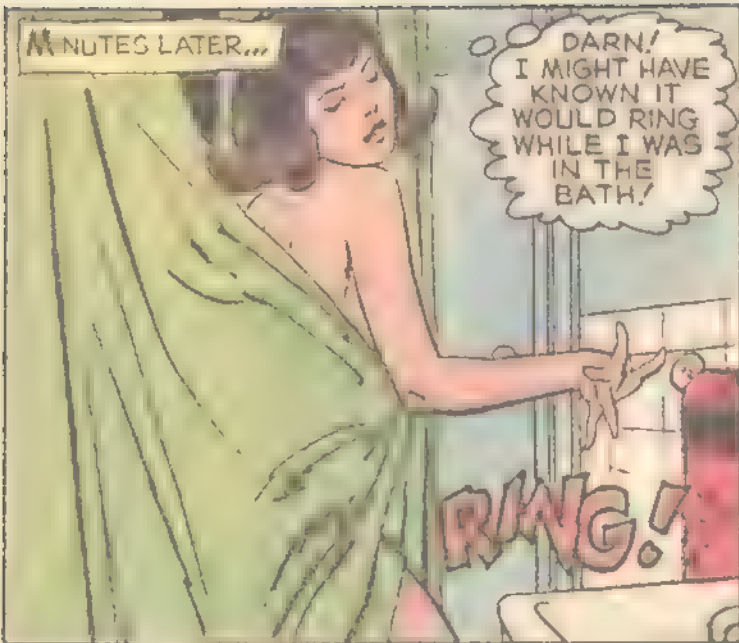
LOOK-- LET'S FORGET ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED AND GO OUT ON THE TOWN TONIGHT! WE'LL HAVE OURSELVES A REAL BLAST, HUH?

NOW YOU'RE TALKING LIKE THE MIKE MERRICK I KNOW AND ADORE!

THEN THE WORD IS GO, BABY! LIKE SKIP OVER TO YOUR APARTMENT AND PUT ON YOUR PRETTIEST THREADS...

RIGHT! AND I PROMISE YOU, MIKE... I'LL NEVER HARM SUPERGIRL AGAIN!

HEH! TOO BAD I KNOW YOU SO WELL, LORELEI, OR I MIGHT HAVE BELIEVED YOU MEANT WHAT YOU JUST SAID ABOUT NOT HARMING SUPERGIRL AGAIN!





THIS WILL HAND
YOU A REAL LAUGH,
BABY... 'CAUSE I'M
IN LOVE WITH—

OOOPS!
SHE'S COMING!
AU REVOIR,
LOVE!



SOON AFTER...

YOU DIDN'T SAY
HOW YOU LIKE MY
OUTFIT, MIKE!

YOU'RE A
WALKING
DREAM,
LORELEI!



MIKE... YOU KNOW I'M
RIGHT FOR YOU, DON'T
YOU? I MEAN, SUPERGIRL
COULDN'T BRING YOU
ANYTHING BUT GRIEF!

RIGHT! YOU AND
ME, TWO
PROTEGES OF THE
DEVIL... WE
BELONG TOGETHER!



NOW YOU'RE TALKING!
SLOW DOWN FOR A
MINUTE, HANDSOME...
I WANT TO GIVE YOU
A GREAT BIG KISS!

CAN'T NOW... ALL
OUR FRIENDS...
THEY'RE WAITING
FOR US...



WAITING
FOR US?

WHERE?

IN HELL,
BABY--
IN HELL!!



MIKE! WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING—

MOOO!

EEK!

CRASH

MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL, AFTER HAVING LOCATED MIKE'S APARTMENT AND RETRIEVED THE STOLEN MONEY AND PAINTINGS, HAS NOW REPORTED HER FINDINGS TO THE LOCAL POLICE STATION...

YOU'RE BACK ON THE BALL ALL RIGHT, **SUPERGIRL!** WE SUSPECTED MIKE MERRICK WAS THE THIEF WHO PULLED THESE TWO ROBBERIES...

...BUT WE NEVER EXPECTED TO GET BACK EVERY DOLLAR OF THE MONEY AND THESE PAINTINGS SO QUICKLY!

A REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS, LIEUTENANT!

42ND PRECINCT

HMM! I GUESS THAT ABOUT WEAPS UP THIS CASE!

MIKE MERRICK AND A FEMALE COMPANION JUST CHECKED OUT IN A CAR CRASH... BOTH OF 'EM WERE TRAPPED IN THE BURNING WRECKAGE!

LOOKS LIKE THE THIEVING PUNK DIDN'T MAKE GOOD HIS ESCAPE **THIS** TIME!

I THINK YOU'RE WRONG, LIEUTENANT... MIKE MERRICK DID ESCAPE...

...FROM A WORLD... IN WHICH HE NEVER QUITE BELONGED...

(END)



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Dear Editor:

You're great! I'm referring to issue 414.

The artwork was far-out! I'm an artist myself and I appreciate good art. As far as my compliments on the lead story, I'm glad to see a lot of fast action and no messing around. *Vortex* was all right as a super-villain. I hope he's not really dead. He'll make some good stories in the future.

I was also glad to see some kind of ending to issue 410 in #414 ("The Kidnapping.") Also, it's nice to see *Zatanna* again.

You guys should be proud. I'm impressed.

Mike Jackson, Palm Springs, Calif.

(We've got a hunch *Vortex* may turn up alive yet. Remember, his body was never found. —E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

This letter doesn't concern any specific issue of *Adventure*, but the book from #410 on.

About art: Bob Oksner and Art Saaf are doing exceptional jobs on the *Supergirl* stories. As far as scripting goes, John Albano is the one for *Supergirl*! His stories are fresh and imaginative and perfectly suited for the *Maid of Steel*. However, out of all the stories, Len Wein's "*Vortex*" wins the prize. It was nice to see a costumed villain back in *Supergirl* stories.

I do have two complaints, however. The first being *Supergirl*'s "here-today-gone-today" powers. The fading out of powers is annoying and all too predictable.

Complaint number two is your getting rid of *Judy* after only two appearances. She was a cute addition to the script. Please bring her back as soon and as often as possible.

Next are your choices of reprints. They have been, for the most part, exceptional. *Animal Man*, one of my favorite *Strange Adventures* features, was greatly welcome. How about new material with him? The *Legion* stories you have chosen have been among the best of the *Forte* period.

However, the feature that stands out the most is *Zatanna* by Wein & Morrow. Superb scripting and beautiful art make this the best since *The Sandman* by Simon and Kirby in *Adventure*. I can hardly wait for the up-coming *Vigilante*, *Black Canary* and whoever else you have planned.

Adventure, which was probably the best mag for back features in the Golden Age of Comics, has come back to reclaim that honor. My hat's off to you!

Paul Kupperberg, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We plan a final development on the powers bit in a near-future issue. And if there's enough reader demand, *Judy* will pay a return visit. —E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

I just thought I'd write and voice my approval of *Supergirl*'s switch back to her "hot pants" costume in issue #414. One of *SG*'s prime attractions is that she is female and, as such, I believe she should appear as feminine as possible, even when zapping su-

per-villains or saving the world. Hot pants and mini-skirts help a great deal in presenting this image. I mean, *Superman*, *Batman*, *Green Lantern*, etc. all wore tights, so why should *Supergirl*? Our heroine's *Super* may come and go, but her *Girl* should always remain evident.

As to the stories, I like the *Zatanna* strip very much. Gray Morrow's art is really nice and the (so far) science-fictionish plotline is refreshing. The two *Supergirl* episodes were light and enjoyable, a pleasant change from the masses of "heavy" relevance which one tends to find in most comic mags today. I have only one question: why would an experienced super-heroine with a secret identity leave a costume hanging in such an obvious place as on a closet door, as *Supergirl* did in "The Kidnapping"?

David B. Michelinie, Louisville, Ky.

(She wasn't expecting visitors—especially kidnappers. And *Judy* had been warned to admit no one while *Linda* was gone. Well, *Supergirl* found out you can never be too careful! —E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

You asked for ideas for the second feature in *Adventure*. Here are mine:

Hawkgirl (sans *Hawkman*); *Lana Lang* in Europe (with occasional changes to *Insect Queen*); *Dolphin*, who suddenly appeared in *Showcase* #79 and just as quickly disappeared; *Mera* and *Aquagirl* in solo adventures; *The Substitute Heroes*; *Lilith of the Teen Titans*, or *Mal* (I'd mention *Wonder Girl*, but I'm hoping *Wonder Woman* will pick her up as its second feature). I suppose you've noticed that I mention mainly female stars; I believe *Adventure* should feature girls. For a nation in which women outnumber men, we certainly have a lack of super-heroines.

Or how about *Supergirl* herself in the second spot—either as *Linda Danvers* or as *Kara Zor-El* in *Argo City*?

I think the *Zatanna* series is great. My compliments to Messrs. Wein and Morrow.

Question: Why? *Judy* (why didn't her grandparents call her *Equila*?) could have been a great addition to the *Superman* family. She and *Kara* could have been a team that even *The Batman* and *Robin* couldn't match. Perhaps (hint, hint) this is still possible if the grandparents become unable to care for her.

Question: When are you going to show more sketches of costumes?

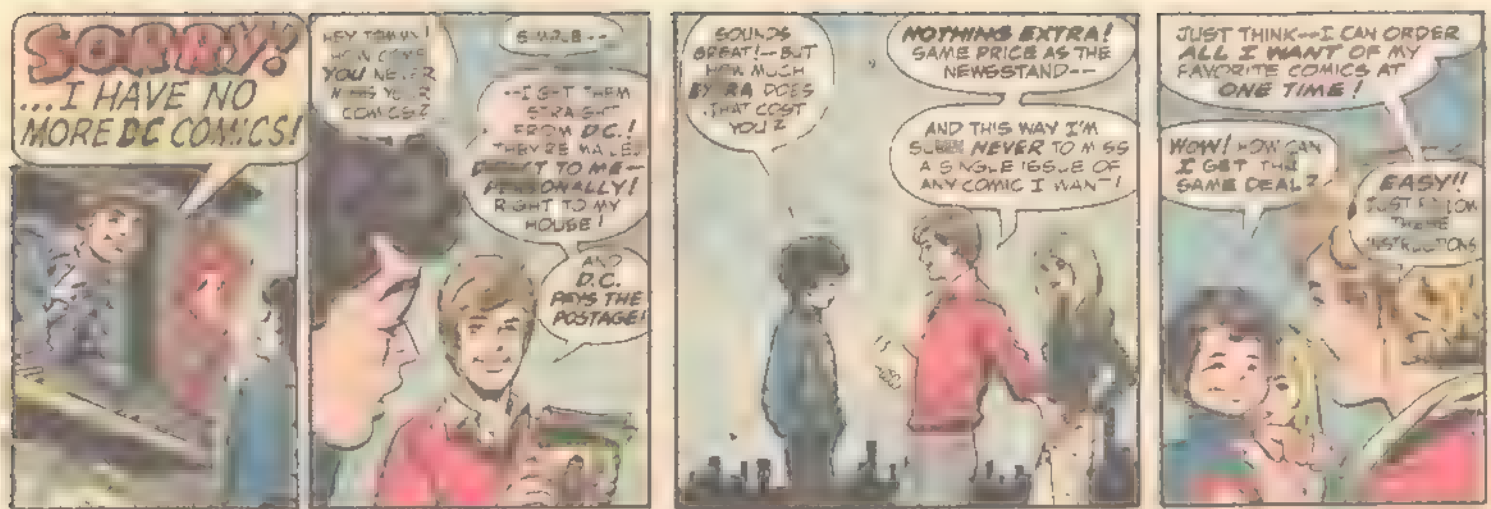
Does *Linda* have any hobbies? May I suggest singing?

One final request: Please don't knock off so many people per issue. A code against killing means not only not killing, but preventing one from being killed.

Carol Strickland, Fayetteville, N.C.

(We'll be putting in new costume designs whenever we have room; but it all depends on how long our other stories run. —E.N.B.)

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TARZAN THE APEMAN

BY EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

PART TWO:

WHO HAS SLAIN KALA... SHE-APE... FOSTER MOTHER OF Tarzan?

ON SALE MARCH 30

ALSO--JOHN CARTER OF MARS

Tarzan

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AN ALL NEW ADVENTURE OF THE LOVELIEST LADY CRIME-FIGHTER OF THEM ALL...THE

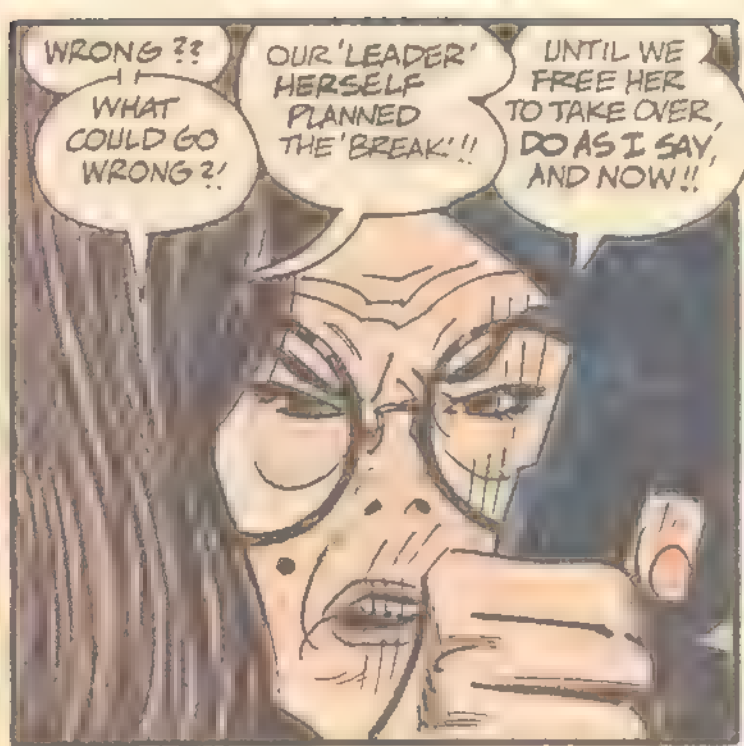
BLACK CANARY

THE TIME: A MOMENT AGO...

THE PLACE: THE CELLAR GYM OF THE 'WOMEN'S RESISTANCE LEAGUE', WHICH HAD HIRED THE BLACK CANARY TO TEACH ITS MEMBERSHIP JUDO — AND WHERE SHE HAD JUST COME UPON AN ARMED BAND OF DISGUISED WOMEN THREATENING HER STUDENT CLASS, WHEREUPON SHE COUNTERATTACKED, ONLY TO BE TREACHEROUSLY CUT DOWN FROM BEHIND BY..HER EMPLOYER, BERTHA, THE LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT!...

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HOURS LATER.. CONSCIOUSNESS SLOWLY RETURNS TO THE BLACK CANARY AS SHE HEARS BERTHA SAY.

... AFTER WE FREE OUR LEADER...

SO... OUR BERTHA'S IN WITH.. MASKED GOONS...

... WE'LL PLUG THE CANARY...

FIGURES!

... AND LEAVE HER THERE, ON THE SPOT! THE POLICE WILL THINK SHE WAS THE 'BRAIN' BEHIND THE 'BREAK'...

GOT TO GET OUT OF THESE ROPES...

HABA HA!!

.. IF I CAN FIND ... SOME ROUGH EDGE TO SAW THE ROPES ON...

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME I'VE GOT LEFT...

ANOTHER HOUR OF HARD, JOUNCING RIDE ...

AHKK! AHHYESSS... HERE'S ONE... THE BOUNCING RIDE WILL COVER MY SAWING MOTION! I HOPE!

BERTHA!

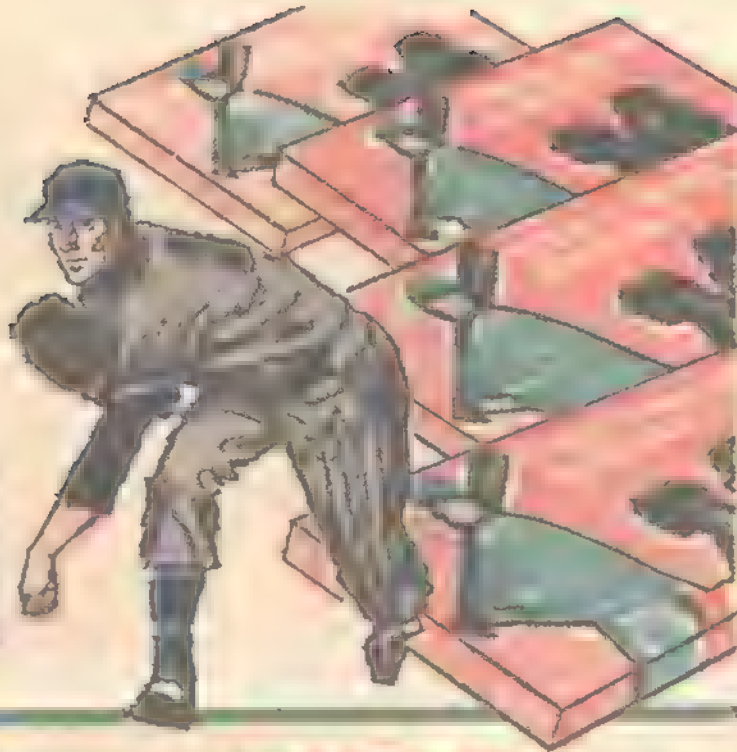
I'M AWAKE.. AND CURIOUS! I HEARD YOU SAY I'M GOING TO BE SHOT!

MIND TELLING ME WHERE?

NOT AT ALL, BC!

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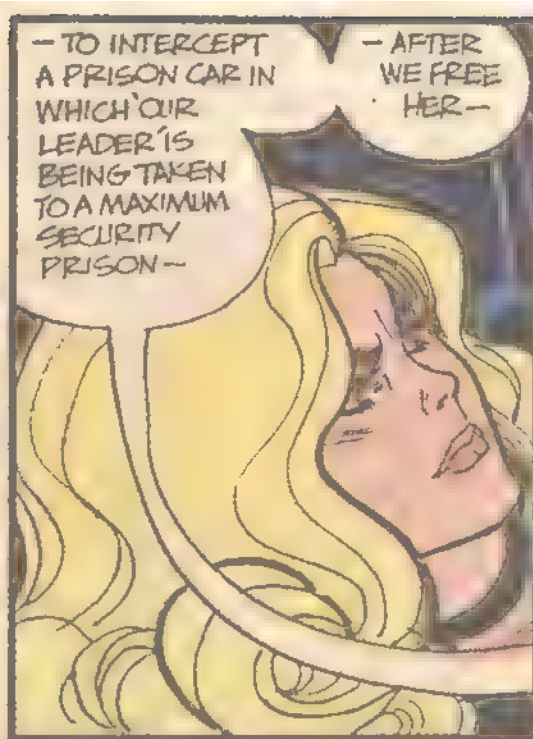
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SO YOU CAN
FINISH YOUR
STRAT-O-MATIC WAY

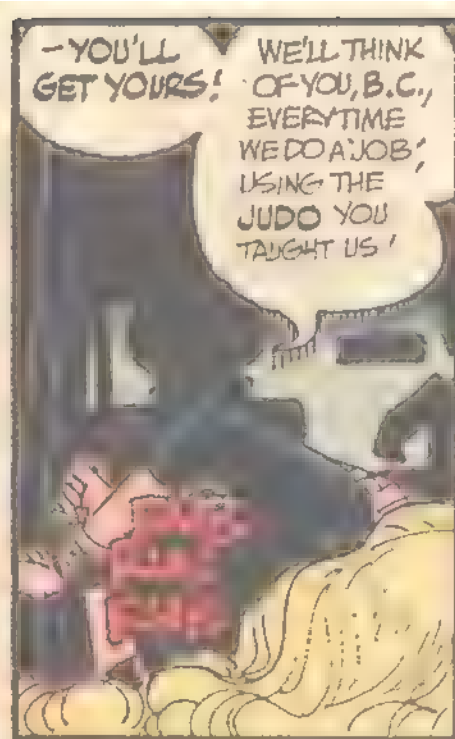


WE'RE TAKING
A LONG DRIVE
OUT INTO THE
BOONDOCKS--



-- TO INTERCEPT
A PRISON CAR IN
WHICH OUR
LEADER IS
BEING TAKEN
TO A MAXIMUM
SECURITY
PRISON--

-- AFTER
WE FREE
HER--



-- YOU'LL
GET YOURS!

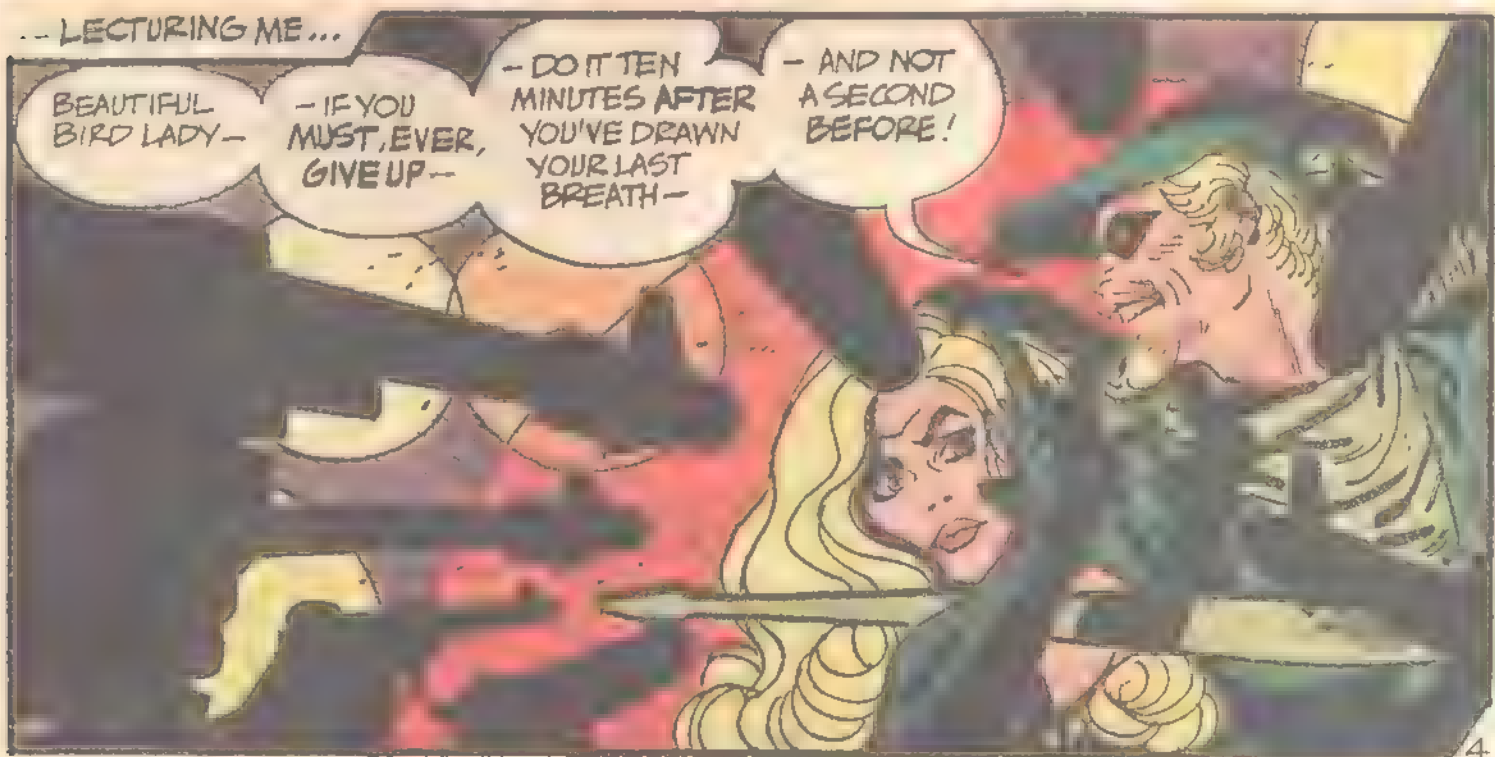
WE'LL THINK
OF YOU, B.C.,
EVERYTIME
WE DO A JOB,
USING THE
JUDO YOU
TAUGHT US!



SHE'S HAPPILY
GLOATING OVER
MY APPARENT
HOPELESSNESS!



I'D BE HOPELESS,
WERE IT NOT FOR MY
'REBEL ROBIN HOOD'
THE GREEN ARROW--



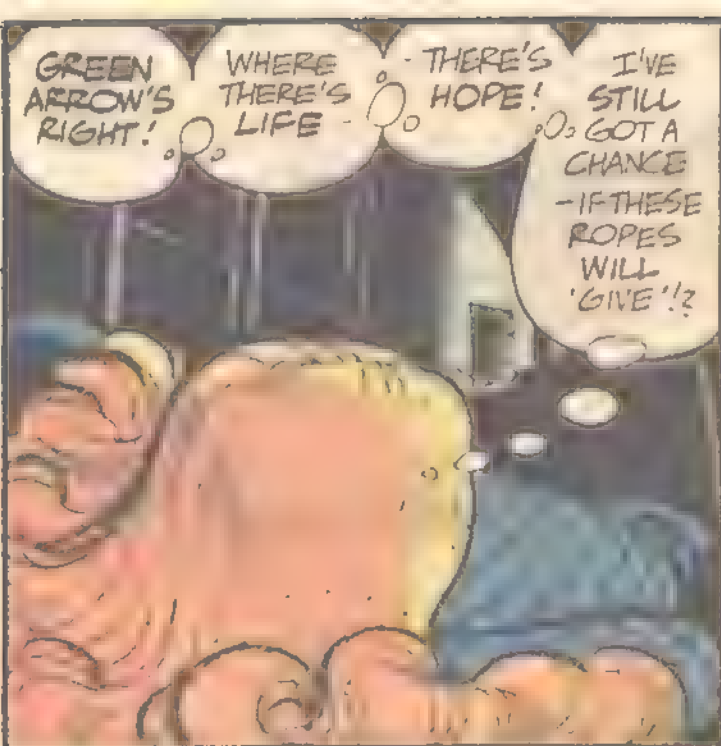
-- LECTURING ME...

BEAUTIFUL
BIRD LADY--

-- IF YOU
MUST, EVER,
GIVE UP--

-- DO IT TEN
MINUTES AFTER
YOU'VE DRAWN
YOUR LAST
BREATH--

-- AND NOT
A SECOND
BEFORE!

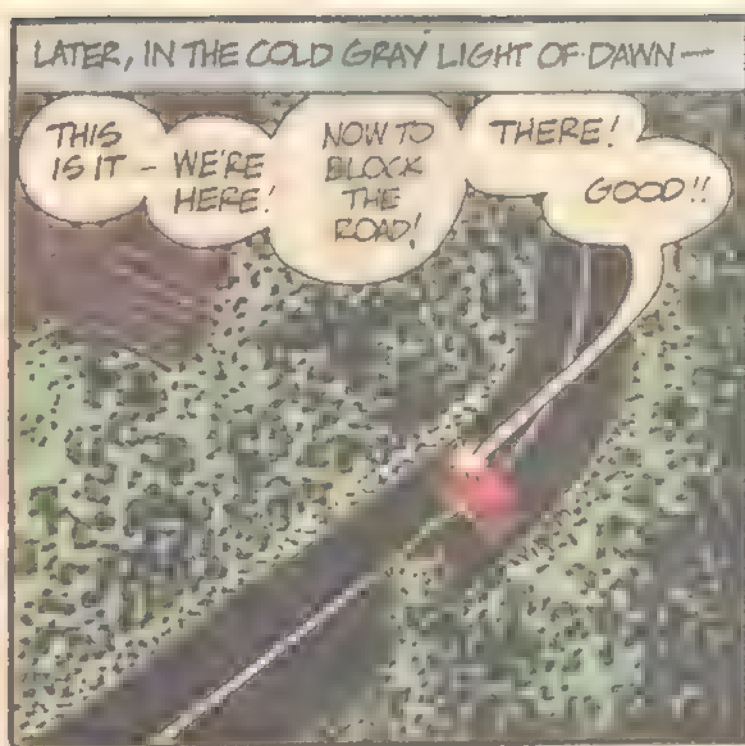


GREEN
ARROW'S
RIGHT!

WHERE
THERE'S
LIFE -

THERE'S
HOPE!

I'VE
STILL
GOT A
CHANCE
- IF THESE
ROPES
WILL
'GIVE'!?



LATER, IN THE COLD GRAY LIGHT OF DAWN -

THIS
IS IT - WE'RE
HERE!

NOW TO
BLOCK
THE
ROAD!

THERE!

GOOD!!



TAKE
COVER!

READY YOUR GNS
AND CONCUSSION
GRENADES -

- AND
CHECK
YOUR
GUNS!



OKAY,
MARCY!

WELL -
'GOODBYE',
CANARY -

IT'S BEEN A
PLEASURE
EMPLOYING
YOU -!

MUST
'TALL
FOR
TIME!



MARCY,
ARE YOU
REALLY
GOING TO
SHOOT
ME -

- IN COLD
BLOOD?!

NEED
A FEW
SECONDS
MORE..

Y'WANT ME
TO BUILD A FIRE
UNDER YOU, OR
SOMETHIN',
FIRST ???!!



I-I CAN
FEEL THE
ROPES
GIVING
WAY -!
YESS!!

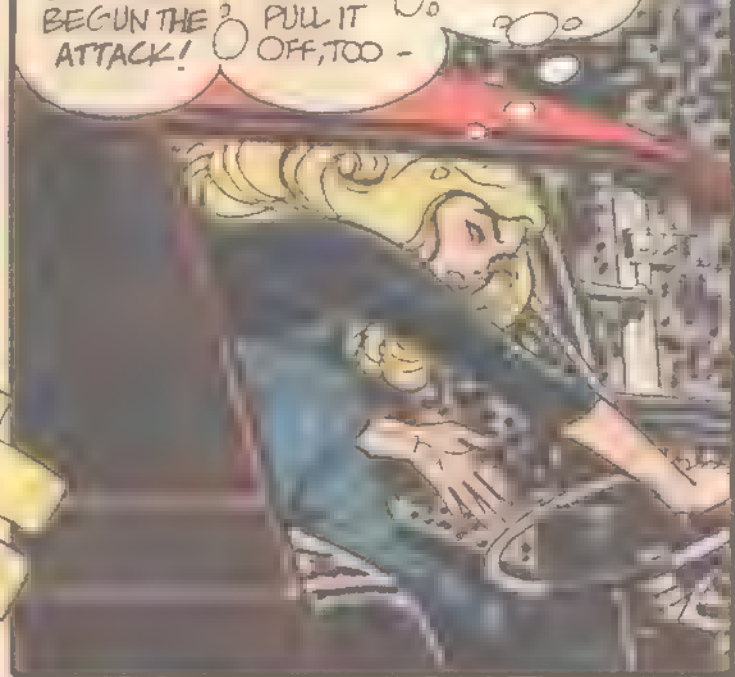


GAS AND CONCUSSION GRENADES ERUPT.



BERTHA'S
BEGUN THE
ATTACK!

SHE'LL
PULL IT
OFF, TOO -



- I SMASH
UP HER ANZEM
PARTY - "



NOW BACK
TO BERTHA

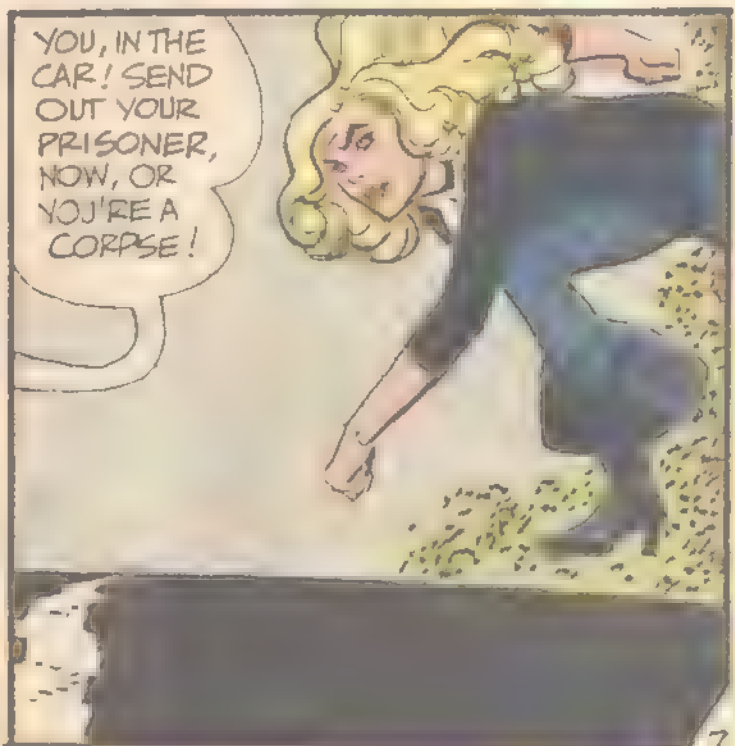


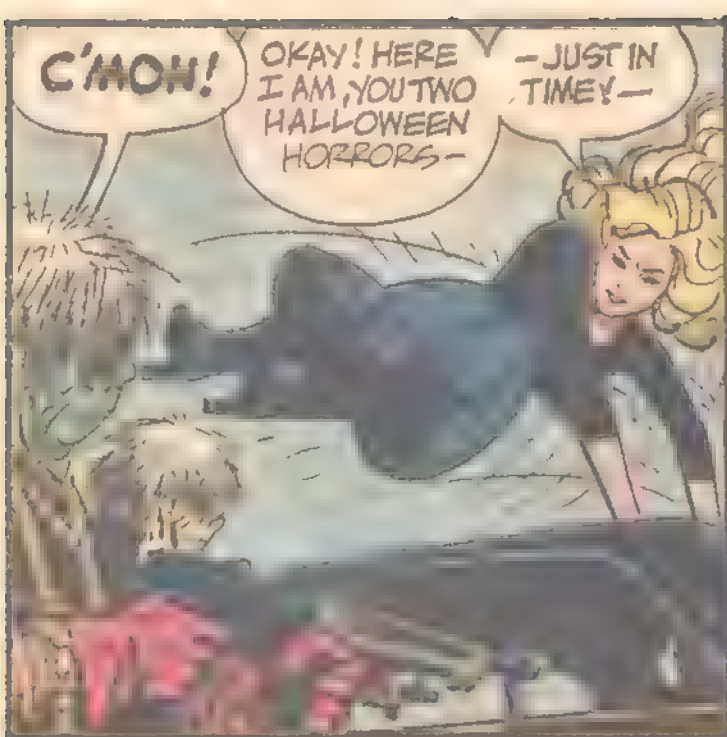
SHE'S
AT THE
CAR -

GOT TO
MOVE FAST
AND HARD



YOU, IN THE
CAR! SEND
OUT YOUR
PRISONER,
NOW, OR
YOU'RE A
CORPSE!





C'MON!

OKAY! HERE
I AM, YOU TWO
HALLOWEEN
HORRORS—

—JUST IN
TIME!—



RIGHT 'ON THE
BUTTON', EH?



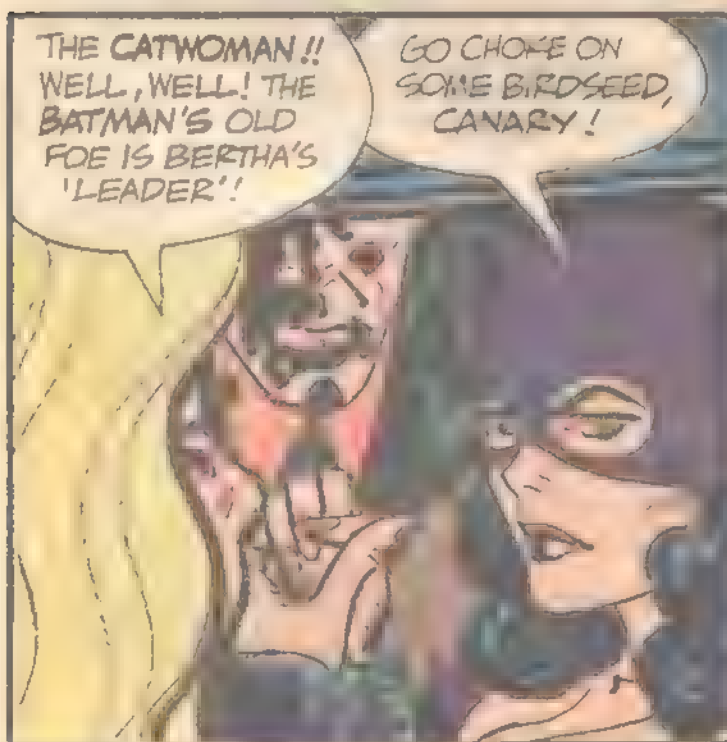
SO
MUCH
FOR
'BERTHA
AND
CO.!!

BEAUTIFULLY
DONE, MISS!



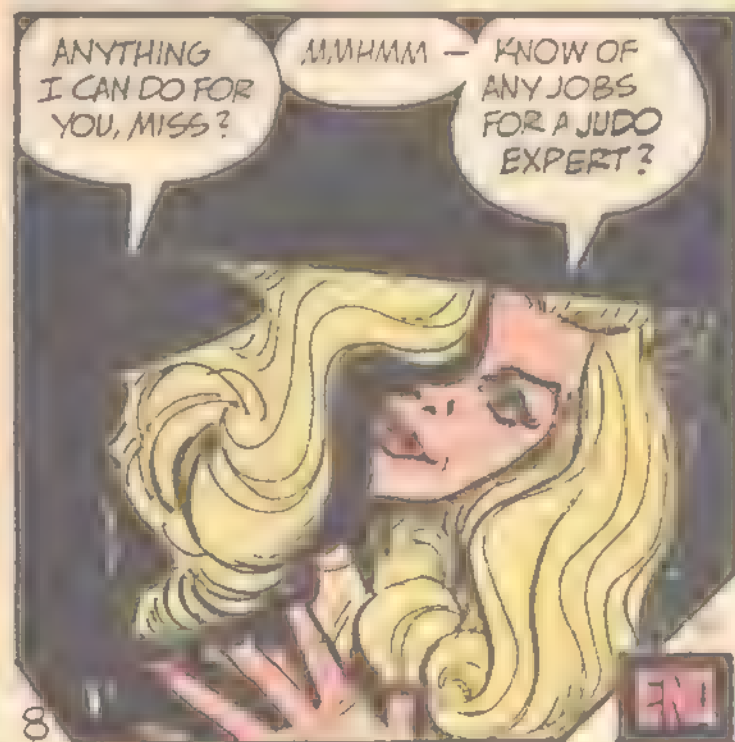
I'VE RADIOED
THE LOCAL POLICE
TO HELP ROUND
UP THE REST
OF THIS MOB!

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO
MEET THE WOMAN
THEY TRIED TO
SET FREE—



THE CATWOMAN!!
WELL, WELL! THE
BATMAN'S OLD
FOE IS BERTHA'S
'LEADER'!

GO CHOKER ON
SOME BIRDSEED,
CANARY!



ANYTHING
I CAN DO FOR
YOU, MISS?

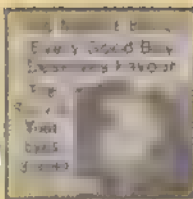
MMHMM — KNOW OF
ANY JOBS
FOR A JUDO
EXPERT?

Any 14 of these

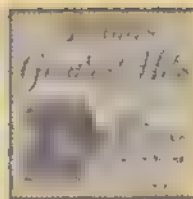
If you join now and agree to buy ten more records (at regular Club prices)



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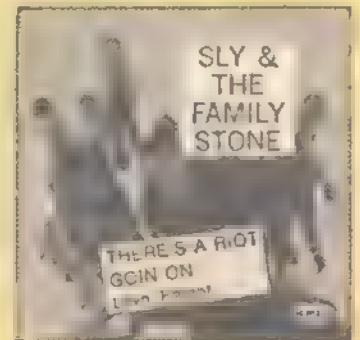
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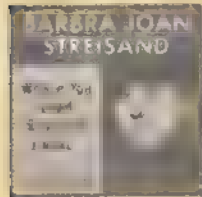
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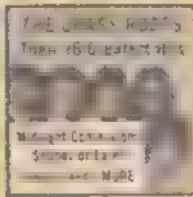
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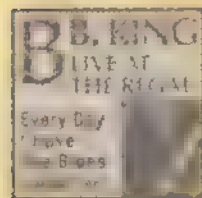
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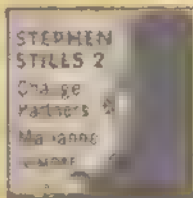
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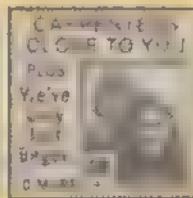
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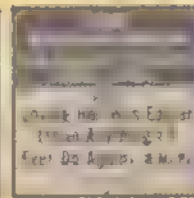
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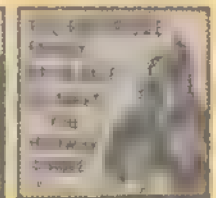
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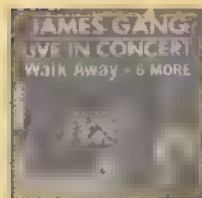
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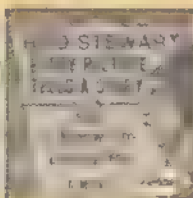
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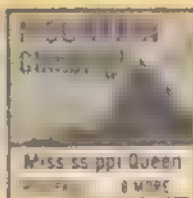
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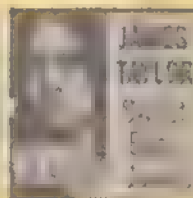
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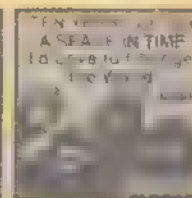
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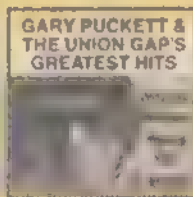
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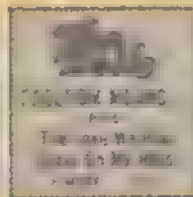
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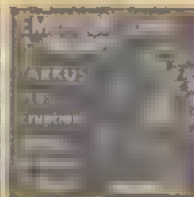
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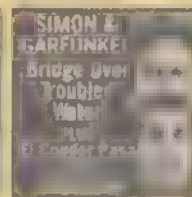
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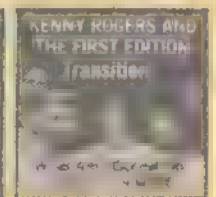
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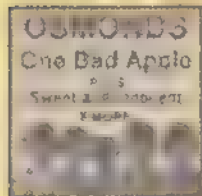
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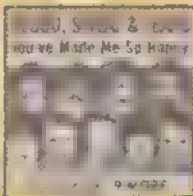
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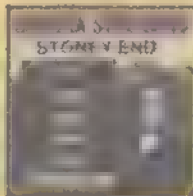
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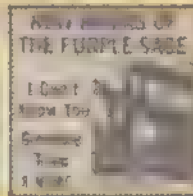
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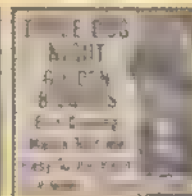
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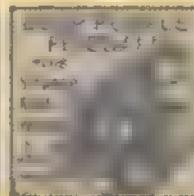
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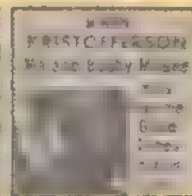
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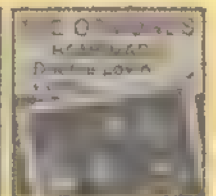
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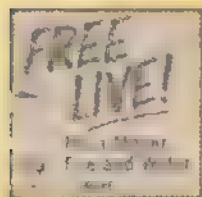
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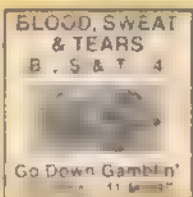
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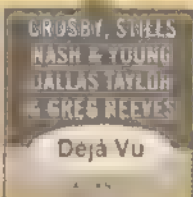
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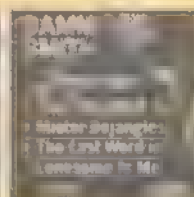
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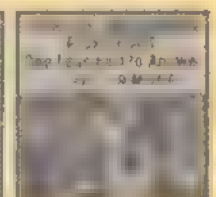
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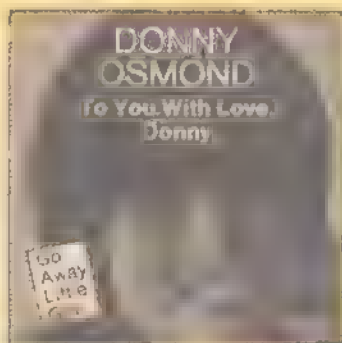
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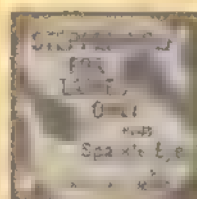
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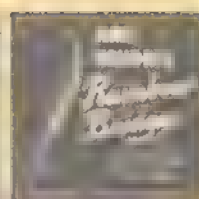
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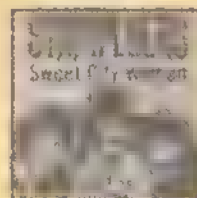
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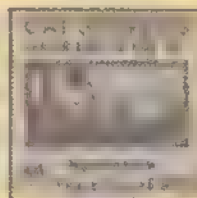
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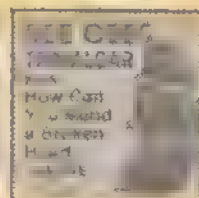
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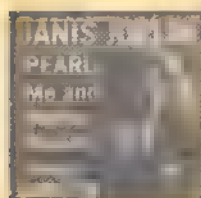
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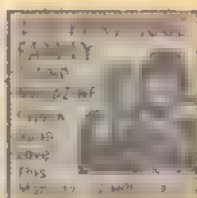
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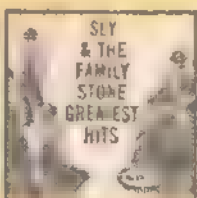
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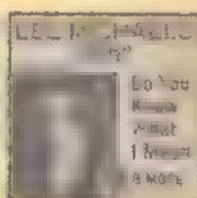
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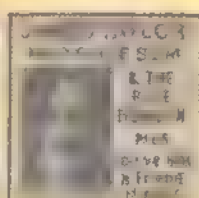
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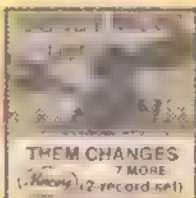
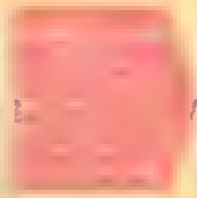
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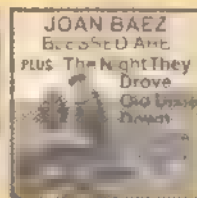
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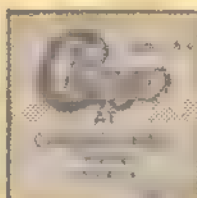
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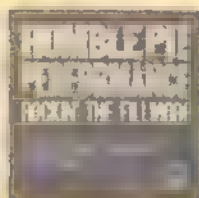
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NIGHT HAS SETTLED UNCOMFORTABLY ABOUT THE SHINGLED SHOULDERS OF THE PROUD OLD EDISON THEATER-- BUT THOSE AT WORK WITHIN ARE TOO INVOLVED TO NOTICE ITS COMING...

FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, JEFFREY SLOANE --NO! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FORCE ME TO USE REAL MAGIC IN MY ACT!

SEVRACS EMOCEB REPIV!

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO! THAT SLEIGHT-OF-HAND JUNK IS SO OLD IT ATTRACTS MOTHS!

FORGET IT, JEFF--I AM NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU ANY MORE!

HERE, CATCH!

ZATANNA, THAT'S A COBRA! IT'S...

OH, WOW! YOU'VE GOT A SENSE OF HUMOR THAT WOULD DO A MORTICIAN PROUD!

SORRY, JEFF--I JUST COULDN'T RESIST!

HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE HAY FEVER!

HAY FEVER, NO-- BUT ULCERS, YES!

C'MON--GRAB YOUR THINGS! YOUR MUCH-ABUSED MANAGER IS TREATING FOR DINNER!

MIGHT AS WELL! THERE'S NOBODY ELSE HERE BUT US AND THE MICE ANYWAY!

Len Wein
WRITER
Dick Giordano
ARTIST

BUT AS THE *PRINCESS OF PRESTIDIGITATION* AND HER EASY-GOING COMPANION TURN TO LEAVE...

THERE'S SOMETHING *FUNNY* GOING ON HERE--AND IT'S *NOT* PART OF THE ACT!

HUH?
THERE'S
SOMEBODY
MOVING
BACKSTAGE!

OH, IT'S
PROBABLY
THE WATCH-
MAN'S CAT--

EXCEPT FOR
ONE THING...

THE WATCHMAN
DOESN'T *HAVE*
A CAT!

I'M GONNA TAKE A
LOOK *BACKSTAGE*,
BABY--YOU WAIT
HERE!

NOT ON YOUR
LIFE, JEFFREY!
WHEREVER YOU
GO IS WHERE
I'M GOING!

CRASH!

SHADOWS ENTWINE THEMSELVES
AROUND THE TWO DARING FIGURES
AS THEY MOVE CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH
THE BACKSTAGE MAZE...

NOTHING
HERE! MAYBE
IT *WAS* JUST
A CAT,
AFTER
ALL!

I'M NOT SO *SURE*, JEFF! THE
VIBRATIONS IN THIS AREA ARE
ALL *WRONG*--!

THEY'RE
TWISTED,
OPPRESSIVE--
AS IF SOME
GREAT,
MALIGNANT
FORCE HAD
PASSED
THIS WAY!

JEFF--*HOLD*
ME! I'M
SUDDENLY VERY
FRIGHTENED! I...

JEFF?
JEFF?

JEFF, ARE YOU
THERE? WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO YOU?

JEFF--WHERE
ARE YOU?
ANSWER ME--
PLEASE--*WHERE*
ARE YOU??

THE SAUCY SORCERESS STAYS AT
HER AASE, ONE FOR AND HER AND IS
FILLED WITH MEMORIES--OF THE
TOWER OF THE DEAD... AND THE
INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL--

HE BE GONE,
PRETTY PUNY ONE--
BUT GORGONUS
BE HERE IN
HIS PLACE!

GORGONUS!?

BUT THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE--

YOU'RE
DEAD!

--THE SELF-SAME
PORTAL THE
GORGONUS
HURTTED HEAD-
LONG INTO DURING
THEIR LAST
ENCOUNTER--
--DOOMING
HIMSELF TO
DRIFT FOREVER
THROUGH
LIMBO--

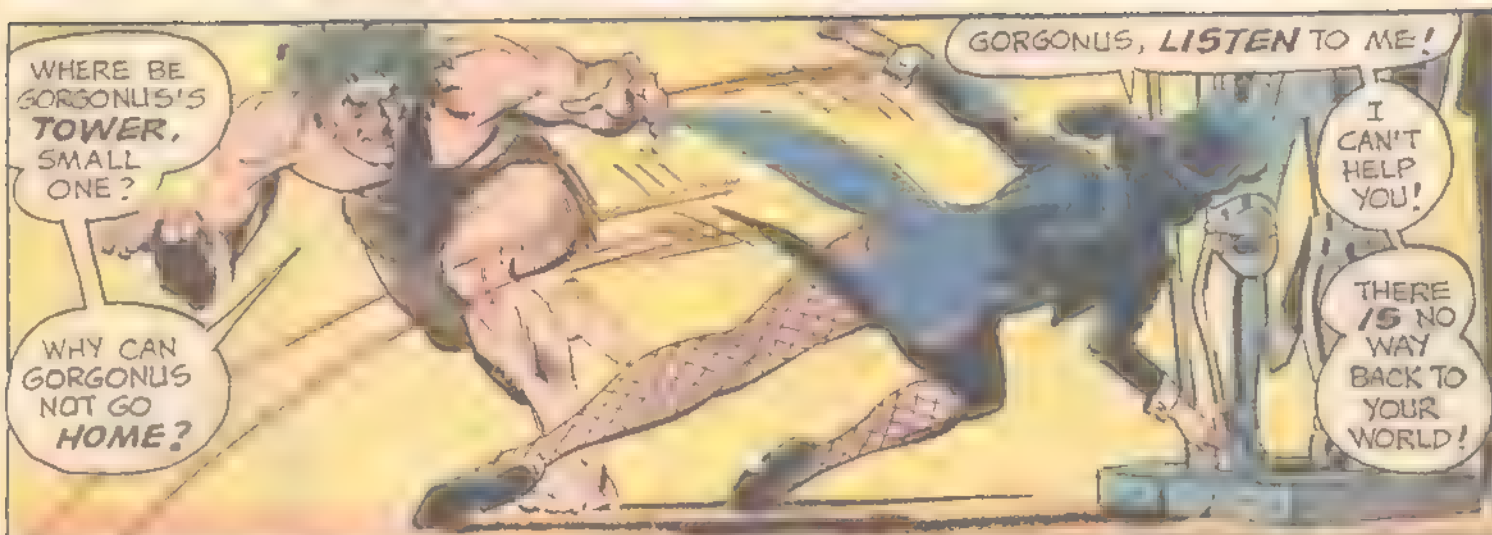
BUT THE
MEMORIES
SWIFTLY
FADE AS--

YOU! YOU ARE THE REASON
GORGONUS FELL INTO THE
SKY--THE REASON GORGONUS
CANNOT FIND THE **TOWER**
THAT IS HIS HOME--!

GORGONUS
WILL MAKE YOU
SEND HIM BACK--
OR GORGONUS
WILL **CRUSH**
YOU INTO DUST!

SO THAT'S IT!
SOMEHOW
GORGONUS WAS
CAUGHT IN OUR
BACKWASH WHEN
JEFF AND I
ESCAPED FROM
THE TOWER AND
WAS CARRIED
BACK TO EARTH
WITH US--BUT HE
MATERIALIZED
SOMEWHERE ELSE!

ALL HE WANTS NOW IS A
WAY HOME-- BUT I
CAN'T GIVE IT TO HIM!



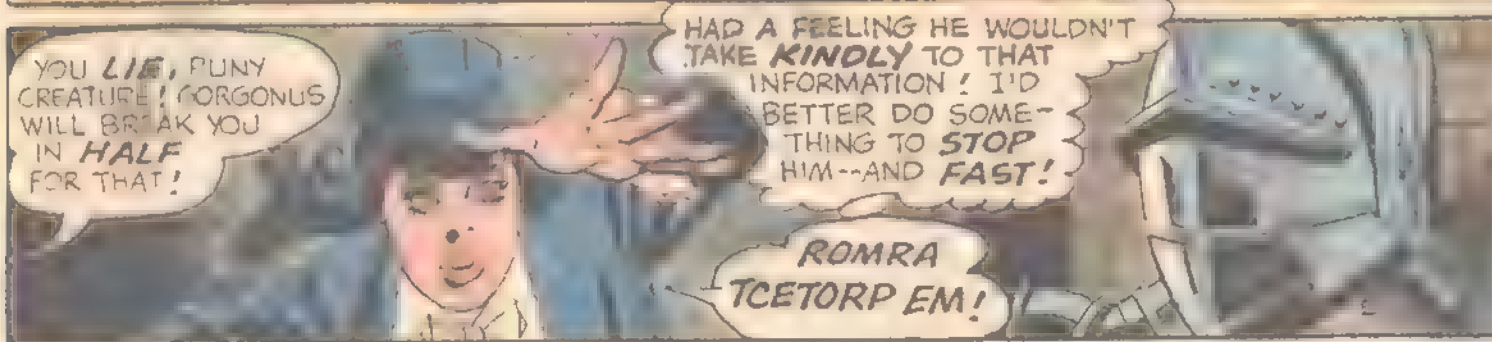
WHERE BE GORGONUS'S TOWER, SMALL ONE?

WHY CAN GORGONUS NOT GO HOME?

GORGONUS, LISTEN TO ME!

I CAN'T HELP YOU!

THERE IS NO WAY BACK TO YOUR WORLD!



YOU LIE, PUNY CREATURE! GORGONUS WILL BREAK YOU IN HALF FOR THAT!

HAD A FEELING HE WOULDN'T TAKE **KINDLY** TO THAT INFORMATION! I'D BETTER DO SOMETHING TO STOP HIM--AND **FAST**!

ROMRA TCETORP EM!

RECITING HER COMMANDS **BACKWARDS**, ZATANNA BRINGS UNTOED MYSTIC FORCES INTO PLAY--FORCES THAT BREATHE **LIFE** INTO A SUIT OF INANIMATE ARMOR...



THE ARMOR'S PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT--BUT GORGONUS IS ALMOST **INDESTRUCTIBLE**.

ALL I'M DOING IS **SLOWING HIM DOWN**!



THERE, PUNY ONE-- YOUR METAL WARRIOR WILL ANNOY GORGONUS NO LONGER!

SO MUCH FOR **THAT** DIVERSION! I'VE GOT TO STAY OUT OF THE MONSTER'S GRASP--UNTIL I CAN FIND **JEFF**! MAYBE THE **TWO** OF US'LL HAVE A **CHANCE**!

CIGAM TEPRAC RAEPPA!

BUT AS THE **MISTRESS OF THE OCCULT** SOARS INTO THE DUSTY AIR...



HUH?

NO, COWARDLY ONE--YOU WILL NOT **ESCAPE**!

THIS TIME GORGONUS WILL HAVE HIS **REVENGE**!

LOOK, DOOMED ONE--GAZE INTO THE EYES OF GORGONUS!
GAZE INTO EYES THAT WILL TURN YOU TO **STONE!**

YOU'VE GOT A FAT CHANCE, UGLY--GRANITE LEGS WOULD SIMPLY RUIN MY NYLONS!

BUT YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME A GREAT IDEA!

THERE IS A SUDDEN BLUR OF MOTION FROM THE SORCERESS'S SLEEVE AND...

PUNY FOOL, YOU CANNOT BLIND GORGONUS WITH SHREDS OF COLORED CLOTH!

MAYBE NOT-- BUT I CAN SURE TRY!

I DON'T EVER WANT TO HEAR JEFF COMPLAINING ABOUT MY SLEIGHT-OF-HAND AGAIN!

THERE, SIMPLE ONE--THE CLOTH BE GONE AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

YOU WILL STILL MEET YOUR END BENEATH GORGONUS'S DEADLY STARE!

THEN STOP TALKING, GRUESOME--AND GET IT OVER WITH!

I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT HERE ALL NIGHT!

THE THING CALLED GORGONUS NARROWS HIS DEEP-SET EYES AND GLARES AT HIS TENDER OPPONENT, WHO SOFTLY MOUTHS A BRIEF COMMAND AND...

ANNATAZ, EB TNERAPSNART!

NO! THE PUNY ONE BE VANISHED-- AND A REFLECTING GLASS STANDS BEHIND HER!

GORGONUS STARES AT HIMSELF!

THE SCREAMING HAS LONG FADED BY THE TIME ZATANNA HAS LOCATED HER COMPANION...

MAN, I FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY DROPPED TWO TONS OF ROTTEN REVIEWS ON MY HEAD!

WORSE YET--I DIDN'T EVEN MANAGE A LOOK AT THE GUY WHO SLUGGED ME!

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, JEFFREY!

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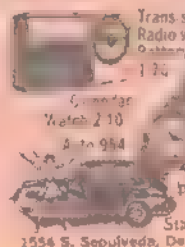
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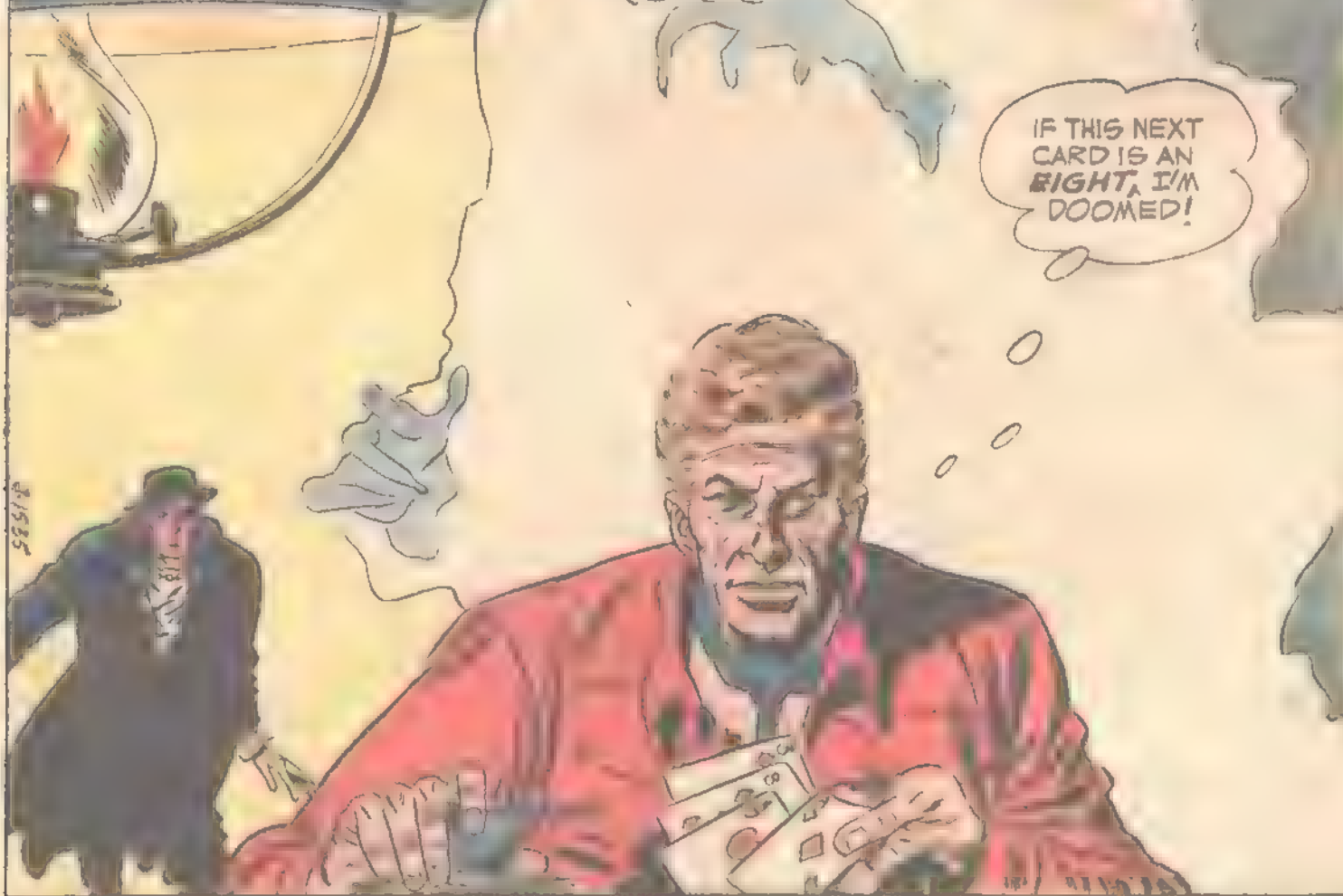
WRITE RIGHT NOW!

THE STAKES WERE HIGH--
BUT HANK WHEELER'S
CHANCES OF WINNING WERE
LOW... FOR **DEATH** WAS
DEALING THE CARDS!

DEAD MAN'S HAND!

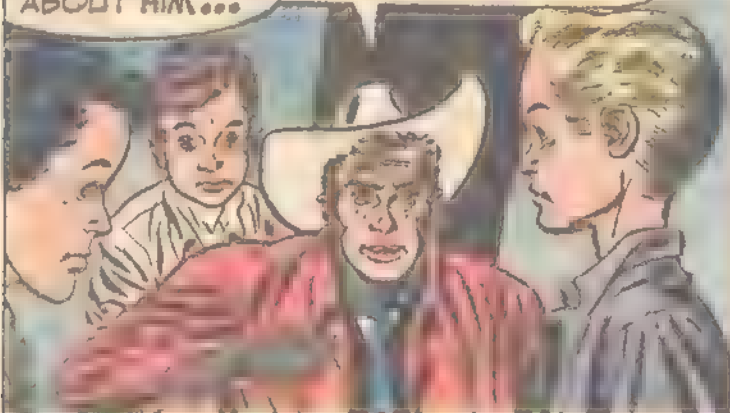
THE PHANTOM STRANGER

IF THIS NEXT
CARD IS AN
EIGHT, I'M
DOOMED!



HANK WHEELER, CRACK RODEO RIDER, ENTERTAINS SOME YOUNG ADMIRERS WITH STORIES OF THE WEST...

YEP--THE MOST FAMOUS GUNFIGHTER OF ALL WAS WILD BILL HICKOK! IT SEEMED THE BULLET WASN'T MADE THAT COULD END WILD BILL'S LIFE! ALL SORTS OF LEGENDS SPRANG UP ABOUT HIM...



"PEOPLE SAID THAT A MYSTERIOUS SUPERNATURAL POWER PROTECTED HIM. HE SURVIVED ONE DEADLY GUN BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER..."



"BUT ONE NIGHT BILL'S LUCK RAN OUT! WHILE HE WAS IN A CARD GAME, A KILLER NAILED HIM... FROM BEHIND..."



"BILL WAS DEAD BEFORE HE HIT THE FLOOR! AND IN HIS STIFFENED FINGERS WAS A POKER HAND..."

LOOK! WILD BILL HELD ON TO HIS CARDS! HE WAS HOLDING TWO PAIR... ACES AND EIGHTS!



AND FROM THAT TIME ON, ACES AND EIGHTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS THE DEAD MAN'S HAND-- MEANIN' ANYONE WHO HOLDS IT IS MARKED FOR SUDDEN DEATH!



GOLLY, WHAT A CREEPY STORY!

LATER AS HANK WHEELER HEADS BACK TO HIS HOTEL...



THAT BIG CLOUD... LIKE A GIANT GHOST IN THE SKY... FOLLOWIN' ME! BRR! I SUDDENLY GOT THE CHILLS!

BACK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM, THE CRACK RODEO RIDER PREPARES FOR THE EVENING'S PERFORMANCE...



WHY AM I SO JUMPY? RODEO RIDIN' AND TIGHT NERVES DON'T MIX--OH!

BAM!

TWO SHOTS... A PAIR OF BULLETS... JUST MISSED ME--AND STREAKED THROUGH MY DECK OF PLAYIN' CARDS!



THOSE SHOTS MUST HAVE COME IN FROM THIS WINDOW! BUT NO SIGN OF THE SHOOTER--- WHO'S THERE?

PACKAGE FOR YOU, MR. WHEELER!

AS THE PUZZLED RODEO MAN OPENS THE PACKAGE...

WHO SENT ME THIS? NO NAME ON THE PACKAGE... A COUPLE OF LINKED NOOSES! WHAT CAN THEY MEAN?

SUDDENLY... AS HANK HOLDS THE LOOPS IN A CERTAIN POSITION...

AN EIGHT! AND THE TWO BULLETS -- IN POKER TALK A PAIR OF BULLETS IS A PAIR OF FACES! I'M BEING DEALT THE DEAD MAN'S HAND!

SOMEONE IS OUT TO KILL ME -- LIKE WILD BILL HICKOK WAS KILLED! I'VE GOT TO BE ON MY GUARD!

THEN... A GLINT OF LIGHT CATCHES THE WESTERNER'S EYE...

A PLAYIN' CARD... FALLIN'... GLIDIN' DOWN TOWARD THIS WINDOW! IF IT'S AN EIGHT-- THE DEAD MAN'S HAND IS COMPLETE!

WHEW! THREE! WHO'S DEALING ME THIS GHOSTLY HAND? I-- I WISH I KNEW!



THAT NIGHT... IN THE JAMPACKED RODEO ARENA...

AND NOW... THE NEXT CONTESTANT, HANK WHEELER, WILL TAKE HIS FIRST TRY ON ATLAS, THE BRAHMAN BULL-- COMPETING FOR THE TITLE OF WORLD'S CHAMPION RODEO RIDER!



OKAY, HANK! RIDE HIM!

HIS NUMBER--EIGHT! BUT I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW... I'VE GOT TO RIDE HIM!



WITH FURIOUS SPEED, THE BEAST BOUNDS ACROSS THE ARENA... AND...

OH! HE'S FALLING-- HEAD FIRST!

IT'S CAUGHT UP WITH ME! THE CURSE OF THE DEAD MAN'S HAND!



SUDDENLY... INTO THE ARENA LEAPS A TALL, AWESOME FORM TO CATCH THE COWBOY IN A GRIP OF STEEL...

I'VE GOT YOU, HANK! TAKE IT EASY...

HUH? WHO-- WHO ARE YOU?



AS THE PHANTOM STRANGER IDENTIFIES HIMSELF... AND LEARNS HANK'S STORY...

I'M JINXED-- DOOMED TO DIE!

NO! THIS IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN A JINX! AND I WILL PROVE IT BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER!



ABRUPTLY AS HE APPEARED, THE PHANTOM STRANGER VANISHES...

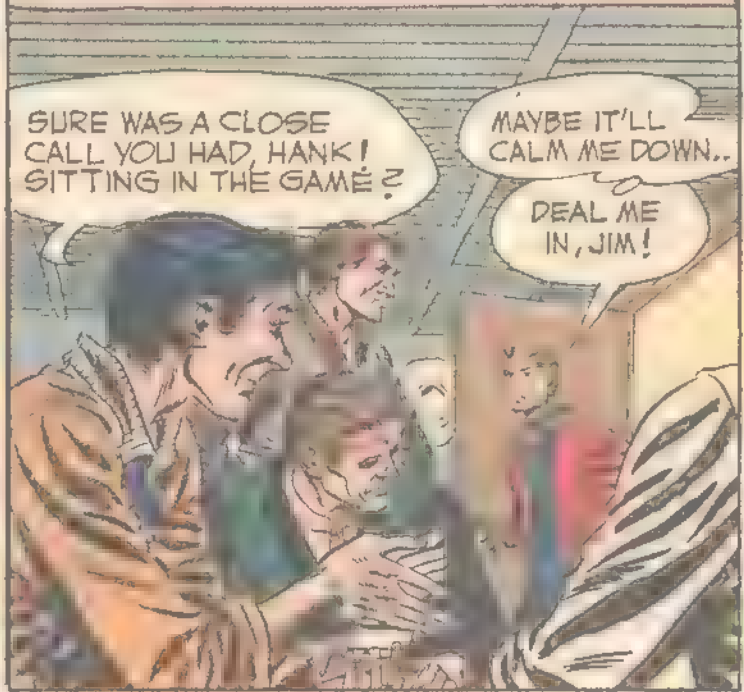
WHERE DID HE GO? I TURNED MY HEAD-- AND WHEN I LOOKED BACK, HE WAS GONE-- SILENT AS A GHOST!

ALONE WITH HIS FEARS, HANK'S IMAGINATION RUNS RIOT IN THE DIMLY LIT CORRIDOR...



GOT TO GET TO THE DRESSING ROOM -- WHERE THE OTHER RIDERS ARE! I CAN'T STAND BEING ALONE DOWN HERE!

PANTING, THE YOUNG PERFORMER JOINS A GROUP OF HIS FELLOW RIDERS...



SURE WAS A CLOSE CALL YOU HAD, HANK! SITTING IN THE GAME?

MAYBE IT'LL CALM ME DOWN...

DEAL ME IN, JIM!

SUDDENLY... BEFORE THE CARDS ARE DEALT OUT...



HOLD ON, HANK! I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE... IF NO ONE HERE OBJECTS!

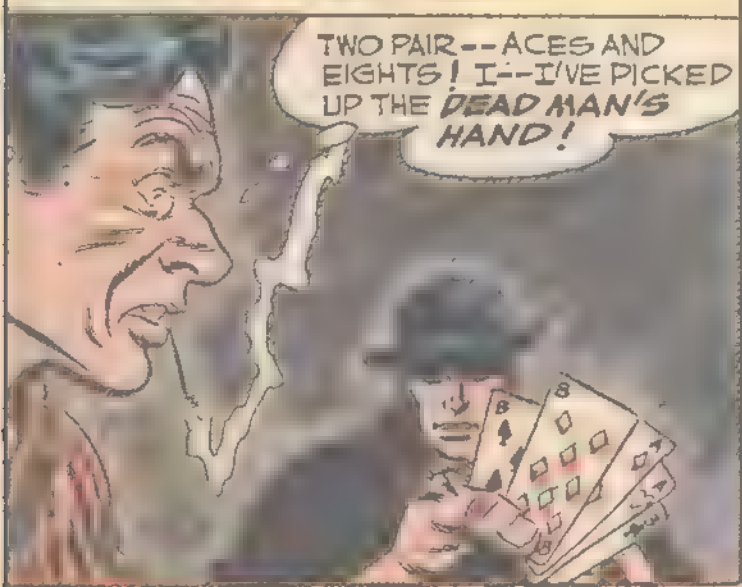
WHERE'D HE COME FROM?

ANY FRIEND OF HANK'S IS WELCOME HERE, MISTER...

THANKS! SHALL WE CUT FOR DEAL, GENTLEMEN?

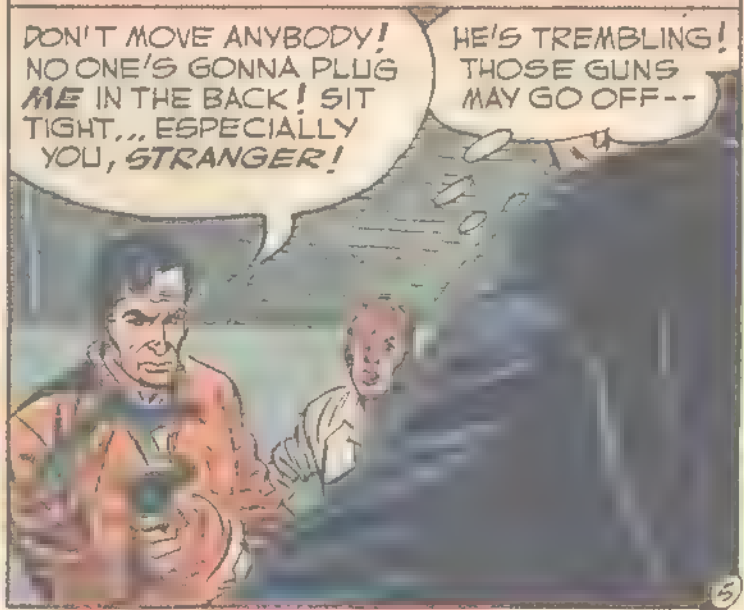


SOON AFTER... AS JIM POMEROY PICKS UP THE CARDS AS THEY ARE DEALT TO HIM BY THE MYSTERIOUS NEWCOMER...



TWO PAIR -- ACES AND EIGHTS! I -- I'VE PICKED UP THE **DEAD MAN'S HAND**!

WITH A CONVULSIVE MOVE, THE HOLDER OF THE "JINX HAND" SPRINGS TO HIS FEET...



DON'T MOVE ANYBODY! NO ONE'S GONNA PLUG ME IN THE BACK! SIT TIGHT... ESPECIALLY YOU, **STRANGER**!

HE'S TREMBLING! THOSE GUNS MAY GO OFF --

WITH WRAITH-LIKE SPEED, THE **PHANTOM STRANGER** LEAPS FORWARD...

YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF AWAY, POMEROY! IT WAS **YOU** WHO TRIED TO KILL HANK WHEELER!

UHH... NO! I'M NO KILLER!



AS THE POLICE ARE SUMMONED TO TAKE POMEROY INTO CUSTODY... ON CHARGES OF ENDANGERING ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE ...

YOU DEALT JIM THIS **DEAD MAN'S HAND** TO TEST HIM, **PHANTOM STRANGER**! BUT--HOW DID YOU KNOW HE WAS GUILTY?

I DIDN'T--BUT I KNEW **ONE** OF YOU WAS! PICK UP YOUR CARDS, GENTLEMEN--LOOK AT THEM!



TURNING, THE AMAZED WESTERNERS START TO POUR OUT QUESTIONS... BUT ...

W-WHERE IS HE?

HE'S GONE--VANISHED, LIKE A PUFF OF SMOKE! BUT HE WAS HERE WHEN I NEEDED HIM!

EXIT



DAZED AND HELPLESS UNDER HIS OWN GUNS, JIM POMEROY BLURTS OUT THE TRUTH ...

I--I "DEALT" HANK THAT **DEAD MAN'S HAND**--YES! BUT ONLY SO HE'D LOSE HIS NERVE AND GIVE UP RODEO RIDING!

LEAVING **YOU** THE BEST CHANCE TO BECOME WORLD CHAMPION AND COLLECT ALL THE PRIZE MONEY!



HE DEALT US ALL THE **DEAD MAN'S HAND**!

KNOWING THAT THE ONE WHO WAS GUILTY WOULD GIVE HIMSELF AWAY!

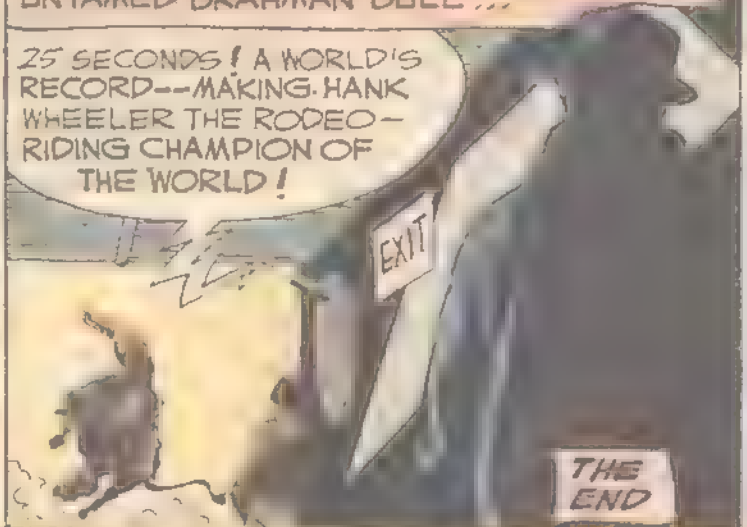


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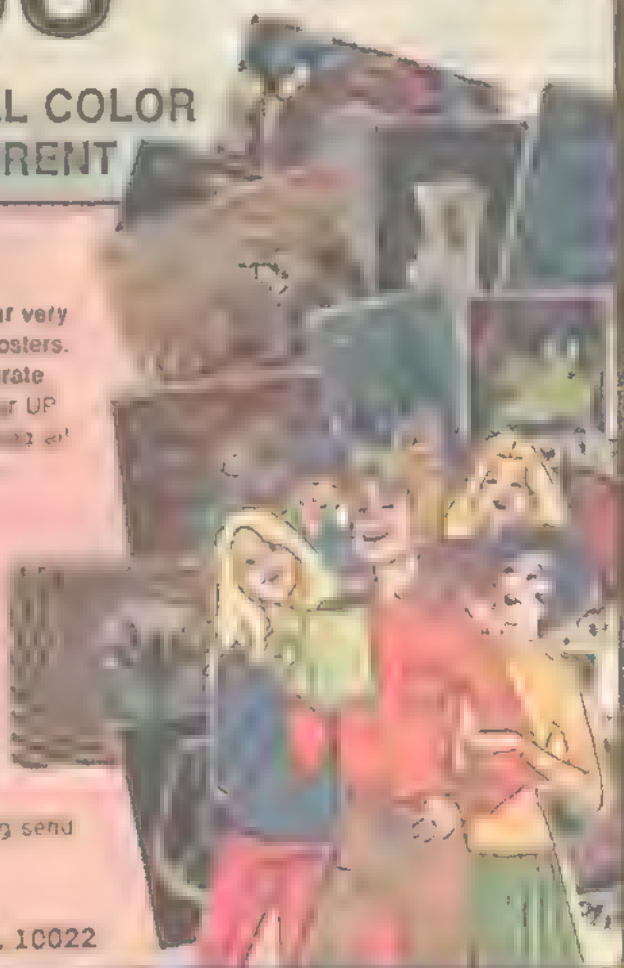
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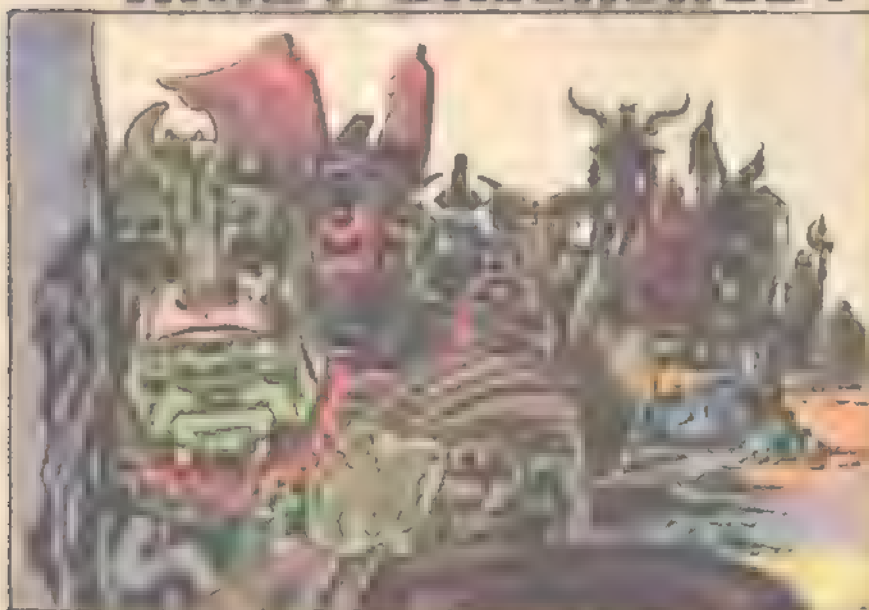
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BEAUTY vs. THE BEAST



THE BEAST HAS CAUSED A FLOOD-- AND ALAN DALE IS CAUGHT IN IT. BETTER LEND A HAND...



WHAT HAPPENED? HOW'D I WIND UP "RIDING" A SEA MONSTER? WOW!

THE BEST-LAD PLANS OF MICE AND MEN--AND BEAUTIFUL GAL ARTISTS--OFTEN GO ASTRAY, AS WITNESS JUNE MOONE, JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT...



CALM DOWN, ALAN!
WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO SAY?

STAY THERE,
JUNE! DON'T TAKE
THAT PLANE!
EVERYTHING'S
GONE CRAZY
DOWN HERE!

IN A PHONE BOOTH AT CAPE KENNEDY, ALAN DALE-- JUNE'S HANDSOME BEAU-- HAS AMPLE REASON TO SPEAK WITH TERROR IN HIS VOICE...



I WANTED YOU TO
JOIN ME DOWN HERE
FOR THE VENUS
ROCKET PROBE,
RIGHT AFTER THE
IMPORTERS CONFER-
ENCE-- BUT DON'T!
AND DON'T INTER-
RUPT-- PLEASE! I'LL
GIVE YOU A FIRST-
HAND REPORT OF
WHAT'S SUDDENLY
POPPING...

"DURING A CONFERENCE BREAK, WE LUNCHEDED AT A PICNIC GROUNDS! SOME OF THE GUYS STARTED PLAYING CROQUET, AND... GET THIS..."



HEY! DIG THAT WEIRD
BALL! LOOK AT IT
SUDDENLY VEER
OFF COURSE!

IT'S THE
GROUND!
SEE?
IT'S
PUSHING
UP!

"YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN IT! THE GROUND SUDDENLY CRACKED OPEN LIKE AN EARTH-QUAKE HAD HIT US! AND UP SPEWED A GEYSER OF BOILING-HOT WATER..."



WHAT A
WAY TO
LOSE A
CROQUET
GAME!

NO FUNNY
CRACKS, BERT!
GET BACK--
OR GET
STEAMED
LIKE A CLAM!

SWOON!
SSSSSS

"NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THIS THING WAS THERE-- A MONSTER, STANDING INSIDE THE GEYSER..."



OBOY! THIS IS
MURDER!
WHAT IS THAT
THING?

NOBODY'S
HANGIN'
AROUND TO
FIND OUT!
SCRAM!

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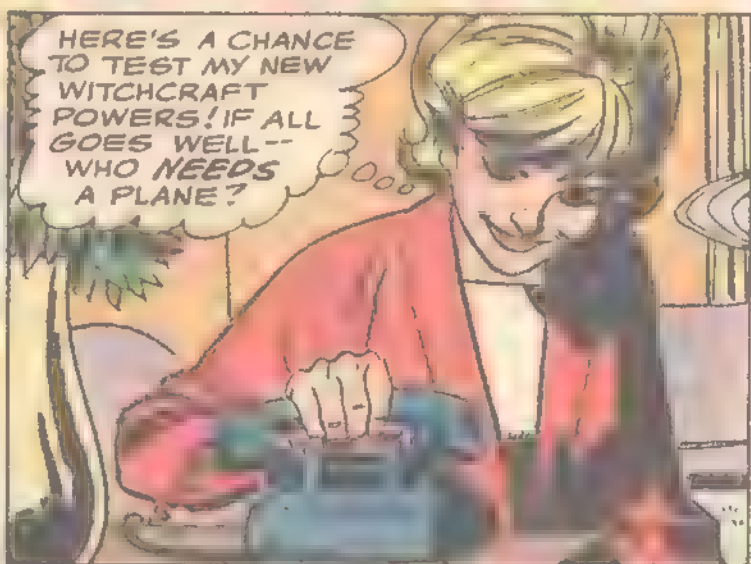


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YOU VERY SOON,
ALAN...



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METROPOLIS ZIPS A FIGURE THAT EVEN THE MOST
MODERN RADAR-DETECTION COULDN'T PICK UP.



MEANWHILE,
IN A TOWN
DOWN
SOUTH...



GREAT GUNS!
THAT'S THE
BEAST THAT
WAS ON THE NEWSCAST!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF IT!

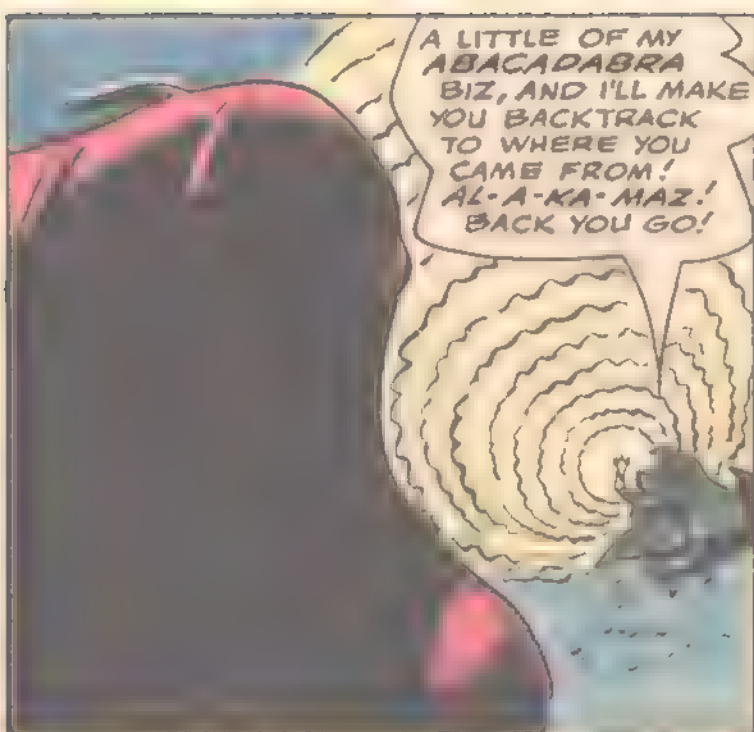


IT KEEPS
LOOKING UP
AT THE SUN!
WONDER
WHY?

SUDDENLY, AS IF FROM OUT OF
NOWHERE...



HOLD IT, BIG
BOY! YOU'RE IN
THE WRONG
PLAYGROUNDS!



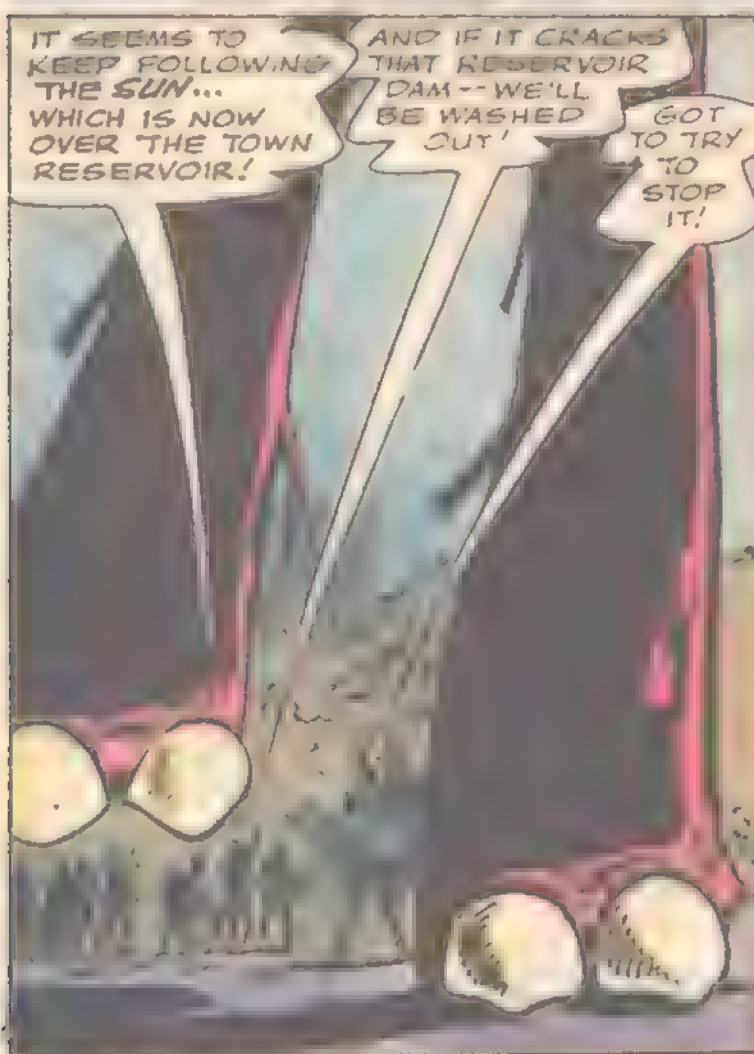
A LITTLE OF MY
ABACADABRA
BIZ, AND I'LL MAKE
YOU BACKTRACK
TO WHERE YOU
CAME FROM!
AL-A-KA-MAZ!
BACK YOU GO!



OH-OH! MY
AL-A-KA-MAZ
IS BOUNCING
OFF IT!



THIS MEANS
TROUBLE!
OOPS! BETTER
GET OUT OF
ITS WAY!



IT SEEMS TO
KEEP FOLLOWING
THE **SUN**...
WHICH IS NOW
OVER THE TOWN
RESERVOIR!

AND IF IT CRACKS
THAT RESERVOIR
DAM-- WE'LL
BE WASHED
OUT!

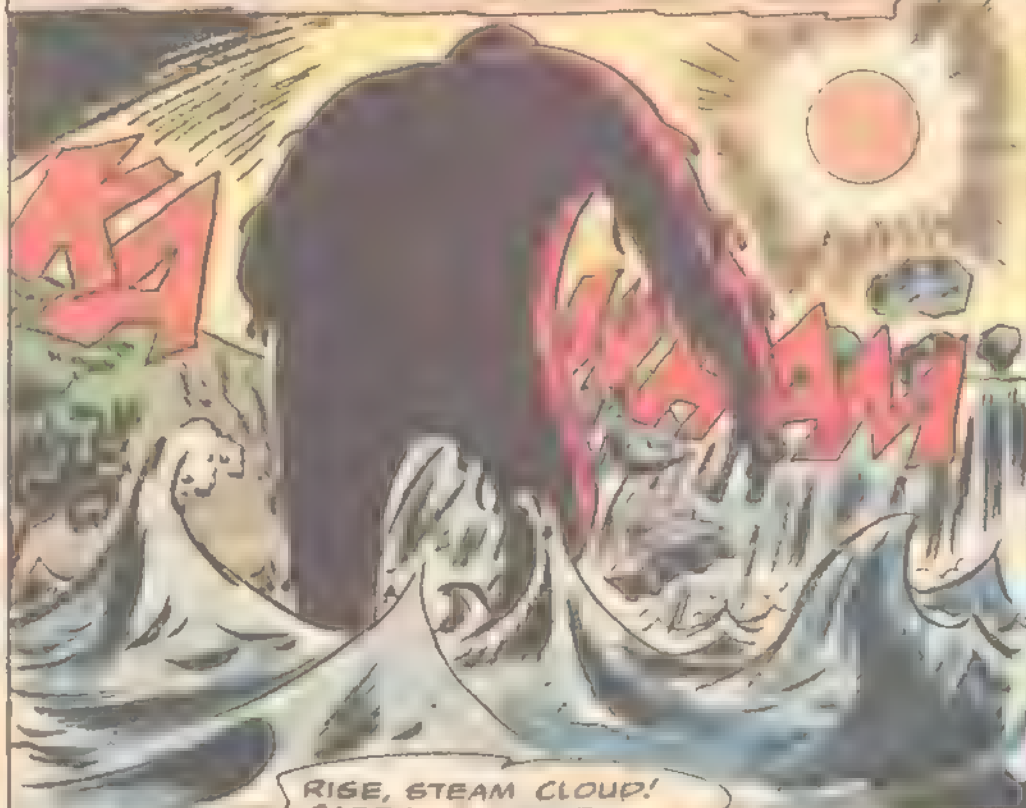
GOT
TO TRY
TO
STOP
IT!

NOW, AS IT APPROACHES THE DAM, THE
MONSTROSITY EMITS POWERFUL RAYS...



THE DAM IS GIVING WAY--
UNDER THE THING'S
POWERS! AND I CAN'T
SEEM TO COUNTER
THOSE POWERS!

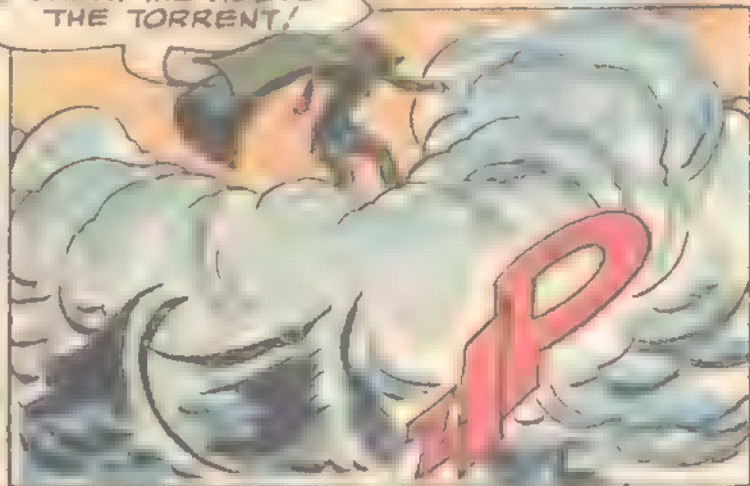
WITH AN EXPLOSIVE SHUDDER, THE DAM BREAKS...



AS THE STEAMING, BOILING
DELUGE RUSHES TOWARD
THE TOWN...

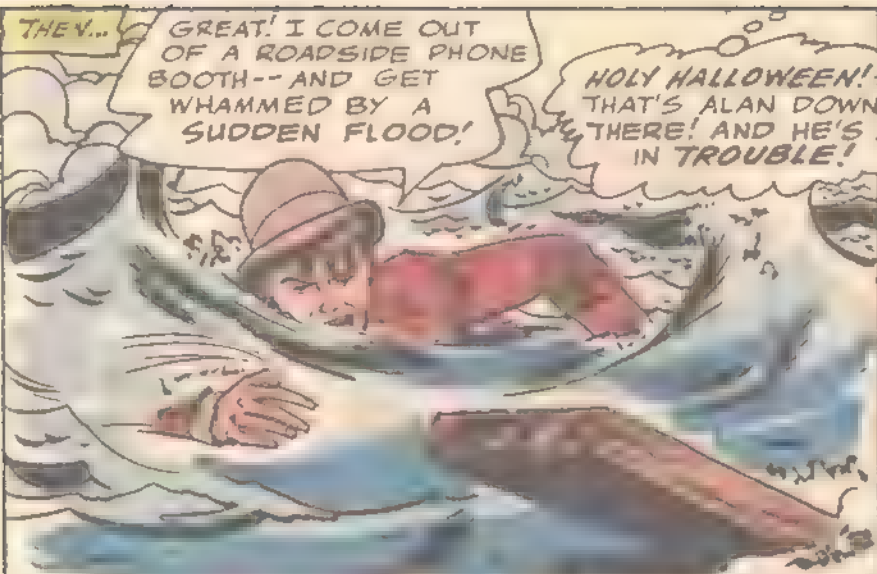
MAYBE I CAN'T STYMIE
THAT CREATURE--
BUT I CAN USE
A FEW OF MY
OWN POWERS.
BEFORE THE
TOWN IS
INUNDATED!

RISE, STEAM CLOUD!
CARRY ME ABOVE
THE TORRENT!



NOW, I GET A BIRD'S-
EYE-VIEW OF WHAT
COOKS DOWN THERE,
SO I CAN CHANGE
THE COURSE OF
THE TORRENT...

THAT DOES IT!
AT LEAST THE
TOWN WON'T
GET A
DUNKING!



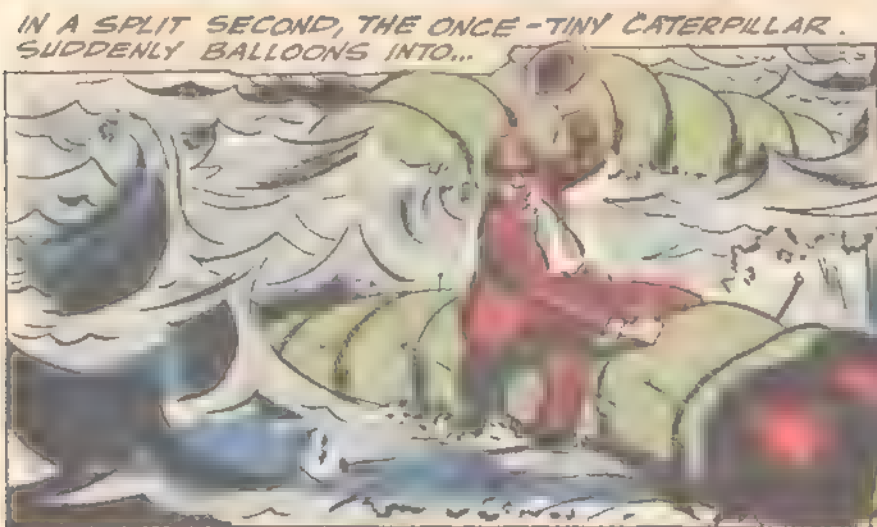
THEY...

GREAT! I COME OUT OF A ROADSIDE PHONE BOOTH-- AND GET WHAMMED BY A SUDDEN FLOOD!

HOLY HALLOWEEN! THAT'S ALAN DOWN THERE! AND HE'S IN TROUBLE!



I ALSO SPOTTED A CATERPILLAR IN THE WATER! I'LL GIVE ALAN THE RIDE OF HIS LIFE-- AND I DON'T MEAN MAYBE!



IN A SPLIT SECOND, THE ONCE-TINY CATERPILLAR... SUDDENLY BALLOONS INTO...

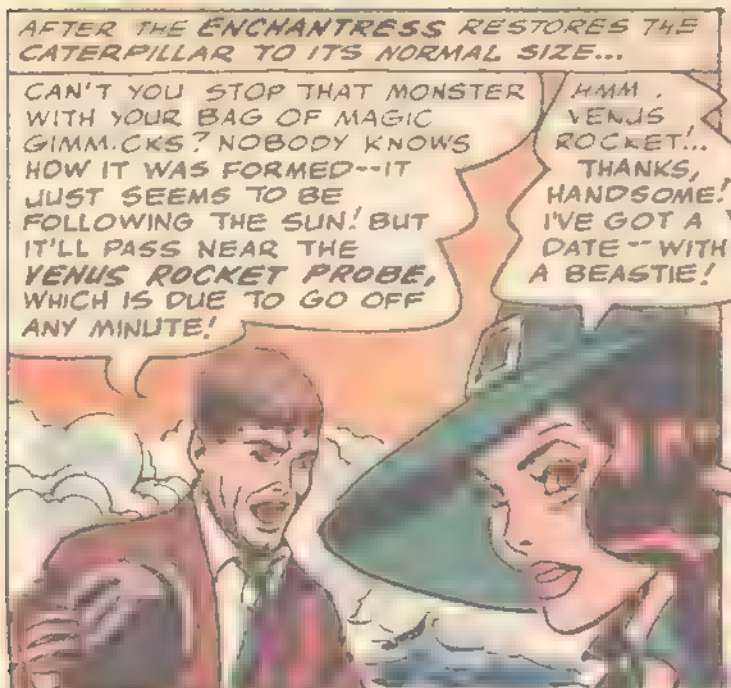


A SEA MONSTER! BY JUMPIN' BLUE BLAZES, WHERE'D IT COME FROM?



THE ENCHANTRESS! SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE HAUNTED CASTLE MYSTERY!

JUST TRYING TO LEND A HELPING HAND, ALAN! WELCOME ASHORE!



AFTER THE ENCHANTRESS RESTORES THE CATERPILLAR TO ITS NORMAL SIZE...

CAN'T YOU STOP THAT MONSTER WITH YOUR BAG OF MAGIC GIMMICKS? NOBODY KNOWS HOW IT WAS FORMED--IT JUST SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING THE SUN! BUT IT'LL PASS NEAR THE VENUS ROCKET PROBE, WHICH IS DUE TO GO OFF ANY MINUTE!

HMM... VENUS ROCKET!... THANKS, HANDSOME! I'VE GOT A DATE-- WITH A BEASTIE!



AND IN A SPLIT SECOND...

OBOY! SHE WHIPPED OUT OF SIGHT-- JUST LIKE THAT! I'LL KEEP ON THE MONSTER'S TRAIL-- AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

SHORTLY, ALAN DALE COMES UPON A STAGGERING SIGHT IN THE ROCKET-LAUNCH AREA...

BUT A SIMPLE SPELL AND...

...4...3...
2...

HAS THE ENCHANTRESS GONE OFF HER ROCKER? THE THING WOULD'VE MISSED THE ROCKET, BUT SHE'S CREATING SUN SPLATS... GUIDING HIM RIGHT TO THE MISSILE! HE'LL EXPLODE IT!

IN YOU GO, BEASTIE--FOR A RIDE TOWARD VENUS... AND THEN THE SUN!

...8...7...
6...5...

...1
FIRE!

WHROOOOSH

SO THAT'S IT! WITH THE SUN SETTING, YOU PROVIDED YOUR OWN SUNLIGHT, LURING THE BEAST INTO THE ROCKET! NOT BAD, GORGEOUS!

MAYBE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ITS ORIGIN WAS-- BUT WE KNOW WHERE IT'LL END UP! IT SEEMED TO DRAW ITS SUSTENANCE FROM THE SUN--NOW IT'LL GET ALL THE SUN IT WANTS!

I'D LIKE TO HANG AROUND, DOLL-- BUT I'VE GOT TO GET TO A PHONE! MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!

YOU WILL, HANDSOME--DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE BACK ANSWERING A PHONE-- AS JUNE MOONE-- BY THE TIME YOU CALL! IT'S SURE NICE KNOWING YOU LIKE BOTH OF ME!

THE END

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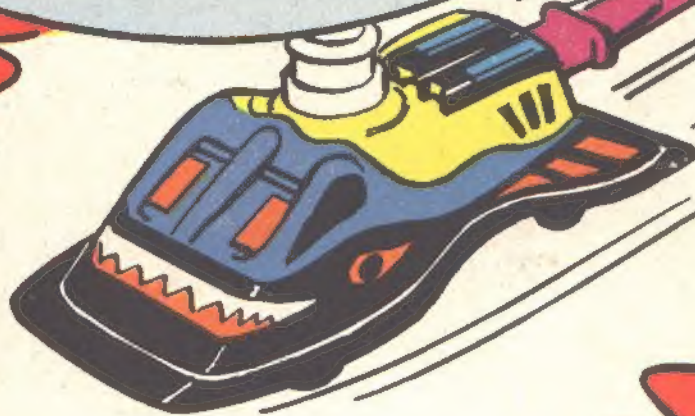
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